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Ciara Wood hauls out some clippings recently from Ye Olde School Trail, a firebreak that runs behind her house in Kensington.

For those living in wildfire country, it's not retreat — it's fight back

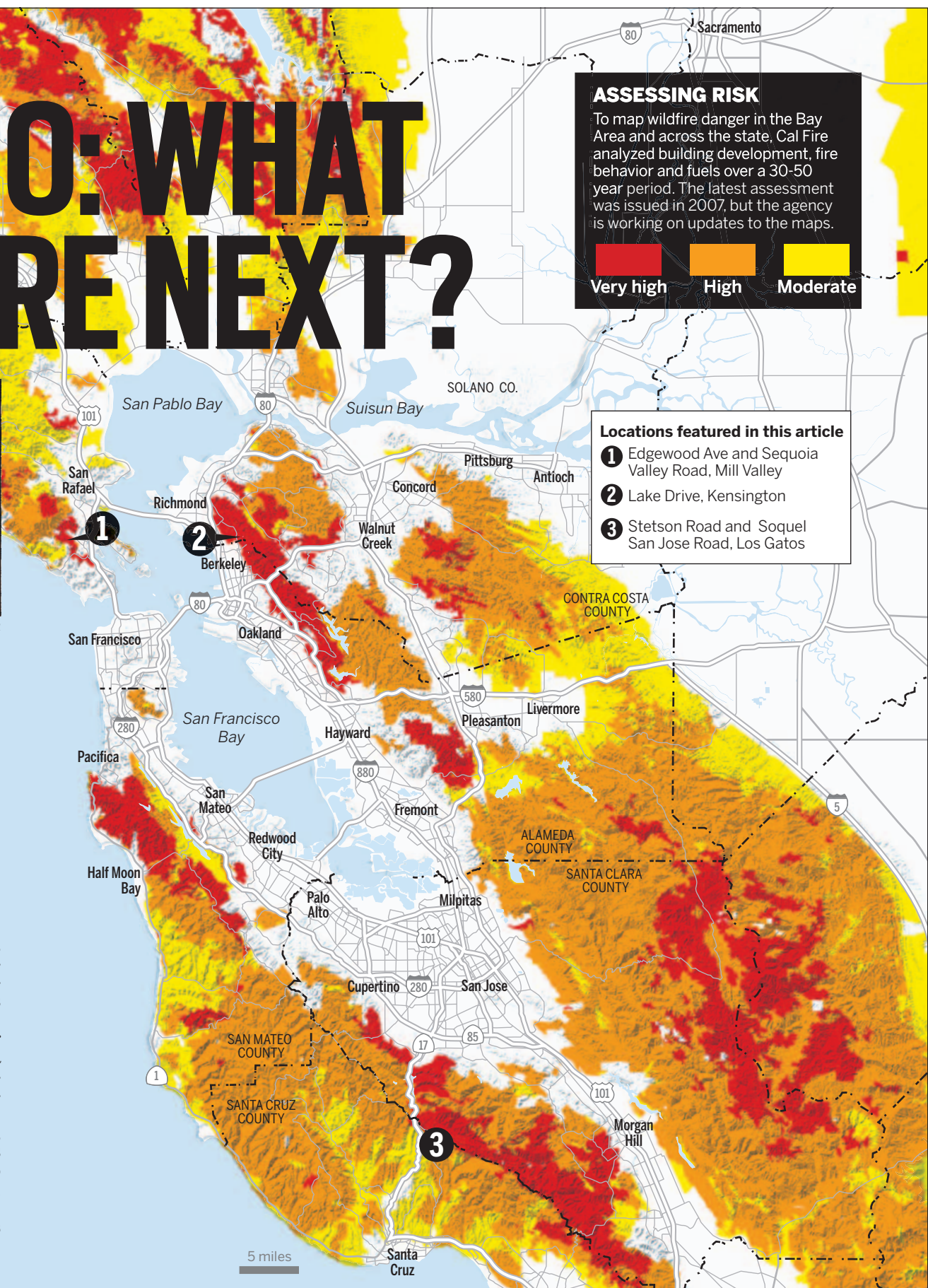
By Anna-Sofia Lesiv, John Woolfolk and Thomas Peele
Staff writers

In Mill Valley's tinderbox of grassy meadows, trees and tangled bush, homeowner Mike Quijas rushed his own hose and shovel to a half-acre brush fire this summer before firefighters arrived to douse the flames.

Across the bay, retired Kensington teacher Ciara Wood trots out her wheelbarrow as a daily ritual to weed the neighborhood firebreak, which she sees as her only shot at escaping a wildfire in the East Bay hills.

And in the woodsy mountains of Los Gatos, retiree Demetrios Nichols keeps hard drives and other valuables in ready-to-run, flip-top containers, just in case. After all, Nichols said, "we're living in a gas can."

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ASSESSING RISK

To map wildfire danger in the Bay Area and across the state, Cal Fire analyzed building development, fire behavior and fuels over a 30-50 year period. The latest assessment was issued in 2007, but the agency is working on updates to the maps.

Very high High Moderate

Locations featured in this article

- 1 Edgewood Ave and Sequoia Valley Road, Mill Valley
- 2 Lake Drive, Kensington
- 3 Stetson Road and Soquel San Jose Road, Los Gatos

Source: Cal Fire 2007 Fire Hazard Severity Zone report

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HOW DID HE DO IT?

THE 'INVISIBLE' KID

Hayward 5-year-old retraces his solitary 3-mile walk home

By Julia Prodis Sulek
jsulek@bayareanewsgroup.com

"This way!" 5-year-old Jackson Kirby called out to his parents. Heading up Maud Avenue on Thursday evening from Fairview Elementary, he retraced the route of his fateful 3-mile walk home alone after the first day of kindergarten.

All week, everyone has been asking how the school lost track of Jackson instead of escorting him to an on-campus after-school program. But how did he find his way home? How did this little boy, barely taller than a picket fence, wearing a bright red backpack and matching sneakers, manage to find his way



JOSE CARLOS FAJARDO — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jackson Kirby, 5, walks down D street in Hayward on Thursday. No one noticed him Monday when he walked home from school alone.

through the streets of Hayward during the busy Monday lunch hour without anyone noticing?

Even his parents, Duana and Larry Kirby, both postal carriers, are baffled.

"He was invisible," said his mother, Duana, 37. "He was invisible the whole way."

So on Thursday night, at the request of this news organization

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BLOCKBUSTER NFL DEAL

Trading Mack right move — for Las Vegas Raiders

OAKLAND » Trading Khalil Mack was always an option for Jon Gruden's Raiders — if the price was right, of course.

Saturday, the Chicago Bears met that price. And it was steep. Mack is moving to Chicago in exchange for two first-round picks and two more later in the draft.

This transaction makes a ton of sense for the Raiders — the Las Vegas Raiders.

For Raiders fans in Oakland, the Mack trade is a punch in the gut — an immediate and swift dissipation of the illusion that this team is ready for serious

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Dieter Kurtenbach
Columnist



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The Raiders sent Khalil Mack to the Bears for a big haul in return.

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Memories mixed with humor, grief marked Sen. John McCain's memorial

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Neil Patrick Harris, right, appears with Lady Bunny, center, and other performers during Wigstock on Saturday. It was a revival of the 1980s festival, an impromptu creation of drag patrons who stumbled out of an East Village club about 2 a.m. to improvise for homeless people.

Star-studded Wigstock shows how drag culture is now mainstream

By Verena Dobnik
The Associated Press

NEW YORK » Neil Patrick Harris and his husband, chef and actor David Burtka, fired up what they call New York’s “last summer blowout” — a six-hour, 50-act drag-queen spectacle staged Saturday on a glitzy Manhattan pier.

It was the revival of a 1980s festival called Wigstock — an impromptu creation of unruly patrons in drag who stumbled out of an East Village club at about 2 a.m. to improvise for homeless people in garbage-strewn, rat-infested Tompkins Square Park. It was free.

Saturday’s Manhattan show featured drag stars Lady Bunny, Bianca Del Rio and Latrice Royale. There were food, drinks and dancing on Pier 17 by the Brooklyn Bridge, with the audience wearing over-the-top attire for a shindig that kicked off with a cannon shooting out blue, orange and red wigs.

Backstage, performers powdered their noses and ran through costume changes.

Tickets started at \$95

and topped at \$1,000 for the well-heeled at a VIP after-party with performers. A limited number of passes sold for \$18.95.

The last time Robert Nieves was at Wigstock was in 1995, when he was 18. On Saturday, at 41, he came with his husband, Ramon Nieves, whom he dubbed a “Wigstock virgin.”

“I wanted him to be able to experience it because this is such a monumental event for the community,” said Robert Nieves, wearing a short red wig. “You know, last time I was here I didn’t wear a wig.”

With Tony, Emmy and Oscar award winners involved in the production, the drag culture has gone mainstream. And Wigstock has come a long way from the wee hours one night in 1984 when Lady Bunny led the inebriated charge into the park.

“In those days, drag used to be very gritty and dirty, with real shock value and people saying, ‘I can’t believe I’m laughing at this sick club comedy,’” says Burtka. “The first Wigstock ended up being a party — the last summer blowout.”

MR. ROADSHOW

To get in the driver’s seat in Munich can cost over \$900

Q I’ve been meaning to get to this letter since the end of April when I returned to Munich after a month in the Bay Area. Where to start?

— *Ralph Durham, Munich*



Gary Richards
Columnist

A Today it’s a journey overseas with the one-time Sunnyvale resident.

Q I have gotten my German driver’s license. I was spared 10 extra driving lessons that would have been mandatory if I were a beginner. The license cost isn’t so bad. Under \$58. Good for 15 years. The rest, not so much fun.

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- First aid course: \$40
- Driving school: \$225. If you are new, it’s \$350.
- Driving manual, English translation: \$100
- Each driving lesson, 90 minutes: \$100
- Written test: \$125
- Driving test: \$175, plus one hour paid to the school for the car and teacher. Take it as often as you can afford. Pay each time.

I got by with the minimum cost of about \$900. Beginning students pay

about \$2,500.

A Keep going.

Q Driving here is slower with the exception of the autobahn. Drivers pay much more attention to the road, other vehicles, bikes and pedestrians. Interior streets are 18 mph, usually with no signs for priority. Vehicle on the right has priority with no signs, always, bikes included. When you turn from a priority road, you must look for bikes and pedestrians, both of which may be going straight. They have priority. Residential streets are narrow with parking restricting lane width. Drivers negotiate to decide who goes first if too narrow for both cars.

— *Ralph Durham*

A How about the autobahn?

Q Autobahn driving is interesting. Stay to the right except to pass, then pull back in. I have passed trucks going 60 mph while going 90 myself. Then a car comes up from behind doing 140. Vroom. It is also illegal to pass on the right unless in a traffic jam.

Munich has over 1.5 million people in an area smaller than San Jose. Much nicer to get around. Trams, underground and suburban train systems. We don’t own a car here. I bike and use transit. Rent a car for trips if it isn’t practical to take a train.

One other point. There are two soccer teams here. When you buy a ticket, transit to and from the game is built into the cost. Means less parking sprawl at the stadiums. Easier to drive away. Transit is beefed up for the games. They serve beer right up to the end of matches and beyond because most people come by transit. Oh, you aren’t gouged for food and drink at the stadium either.

That is all for now. If you and Mrs. Roadshow get over here, don’t be a stranger. I am getting really good as a tour guide.

— *Ralph Durham*

A I bet you are.

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News of the weird
Sorry you missed it

At least one competitor dressed up as Donald Trump at the World Gravy Wrestling Championships in Lancashire, England, on Aug. 27. As grapplers slipped and slid in the slimy mess, even the referee got toppled a few times. United Press International reported that both men and women participated to support the East Lancashire Hospice.

Send your weird news items with subject line WEIRD NEWS to WeirdNewsTips@amuniversal.com.

Birthdays

Former U.S. Olympic Committee Chair **Peter Ueberroth** is 81. Actor **Derek Fowlds** (TV: “Yes, Minister”; “Yes, Prime Minister”) is 81. Actor **Mark Harmon** is 67. Tennis Hall of Famer **Jimmy Connors** is 66. Actress **Linda Purl** is 63. Actor **Keanu Reeves** is 54. Actress **Salma Hayek** is 52. Actress **Tiffany Hines** is 41

TODAY IN HISTORY

1963

On a night when Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High by encircling the building with state troopers, “The CBS Evening News” with Walter Cronkite was lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes, becoming network TV’s first half-hour nightly newscast.

1969

The first automated teller machine to utilize magnetic-stripped cards was opened to the public at Chemical Bank in New York.

2008

The GOP assailed Barack Obama as the most liberal, least experienced White House nominee in history at their convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, and enthusiastically extolled John McCain as ready to lead the nation.

LOTTERY

WINNING NUMBERS

Daily 3 Afternoon: 6, 1, 9

Daily 3 Evening: 0, 4, 7

Daily 4: 9, 9, 1, 9

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Lawmakers take #MeToo movement to heart

By Alexei Koseff
Sacramento Bee

The bombshells began dropping during the legislative recess last fall.

In October, as an unfolding sexual abuse scandal involving Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein dominated the news, nearly 150 women signed a letter decrying widespread “dehumanizing behavior by men” in California politics. Among them were lobbyists, consultants, legislative staff and six sitting lawmakers.

The campaign launched a discussion about a culture of fear and retaliation at the Capitol, which women said had discouraged them from reporting pervasive harassment and allowed it to go unpunished. By the time the Legislature reconvened in January for the new session, two of its members had resigned amid accusations of sexual misconduct and complaints had been lodged against at least three more.

In this moment of reckoning, inside the building and in society at large, lawmakers passed more than a dozen bills addressing workplace sexual harassment by the close of the two-year session Friday night. Experts said these measures could make California a national leader on the issue. The Legislature also spent months developing a new process for handling its own investigations of inappropriate behavior.

“I’m proud to say we walked through that door — both as employers and as policymakers,” said Sen. Holly Mitchell, D-Los Angeles, who helped lead the committee that rewrote the Legislature’s sexual harassment policy.

Whether that has led to sustained changes in behavior around the Capitol remains to be seen. A widely acknowledged short-

“We were all affected by this. My heart broke for some of those victims who shared their stories. We hope that we did something to alleviate it.”

— Eloise Reyes, D-Grand Terrace

coming is that the Legislature does not yet have a way to deal with harassment coming from individuals who do not work in the building, such as lobbyists and constituents.

The legislative proposals that emerged in response to the #MeToo movement were expansive and ambitious, reaching all the way to the top of the corporate ladder with a requirement for public companies to have women on their boards of directors.

A handful of the measures, such as a mandate for hotels to provide panic buttons for employees who work alone in guest rooms, faltered. But most that failed were regulations of the Legislature itself, including bills to make elected officials pay for their own settlements instead of the government and to allow staff members to unionize.

Among more than a dozen proposals now awaiting a signature or veto from Gov. Jerry Brown are:

- Senate Bill 820, which prohibits secret settlements and nondisclosure agreements in sexual harassment cases.
- SB 1300, which forbids companies from requiring their workers to sign releases of liability as a condition of continued employment or in exchange for a bonus.
- SB 1343, which expands a biannual sexual harassment training mandate to nearly all California employees.
- Assembly Bill 1870, which gives workers three years, rather than just one,

to file an employment discrimination claim with the state.

- AB 3080, which bans forced arbitration agreements, in which workers must give up their right to take disputes with their employer to court as a condition of the job.

Attorney Jean Hyams, the past president of the California Employment Lawyers Association, said organizations that work on women’s rights came together with legislators to identify the “traps and pitfalls” in the law for working women.

The package is meant to cover each stage of the process, she said, compelling employers to prevent harassment “as soon as it rears its ugly head,” holding them responsible if they don’t, and providing victims more time to process what has happened to them.

“We think that to change the culture, you have to stop silencing women,” said Hyams, who also represented lobbyist Pamela Lopez in a sexual misconduct complaint against former Assemblyman Matt Dababneh.

Deborah Rhode, a professor at Stanford Law School who has written about gender equity, said California took major steps forward this year to protect victims of sexual harassment and prevent future abuses. If Brown signs these bills, she said, it would make the state a national leader.

“We’re seeing a real change in cultural consciousness around this is-

sue and one that’s not going away,” she said.

The next step is to ramp up state enforcement of labor protections, Rhode added, and to help connect low-income women and other vulnerable communities with legal defense resources, especially because these new laws would likely discourage employers from settling.

As the bills wound through the legislative process, the Senate and Assembly were undertaking a review of their own sexual harassment policies. A joint committee conducted five hearings with outside experts over the course of the winter. Complaints against lawmakers and high-ranking staff that were found to be valid were released to the public, an unprecedented disclosure after decades of secrecy surrounding misconduct in the Capitol.

“We were all affected by this. My heart broke for some of those victims who shared their stories,” said Assemblywoman Eloise Reyes, D-Grand Terrace, a committee member who also carried the measure to provide more time for filing workplace discrimination claims. “We hope that we did something to alleviate it.”

In June, Mitchell and Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, D-Glendale, unveiled a plan to create a new unit within the Legislative Counsel’s office, comprised of investigators with specialized training in workplace sexual harassment, to independently accept and assess misconduct complaints in both houses.

The Legislature in its final week approved \$1.5 million to start building the investigation unit, which Mitchell said she hopes will be ready to go when the next session begins in December.

Mitchell said the Legis-


lature had to acknowledge that some of its practices were antiquated — a frequent complaint was that the annual sexual harassment training was not engaging.

The committee now plans to incorporate those discussions more regularly into caucus and staff meetings, including training on bystander intervention.

“I’m a Weight Watchers girl,” Mitchell said. “So I

know my rules, but that’s also reinforced when I go to my weekly class.”

Samantha Corbin, a lobbyist and one of the founders of We Said Enough, which organized the original letter, said the conversation now needs to extend beyond sexual misconduct to address the harassment and mistreatment that minorities and gay members of the Capitol community experience.




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JOHN MCCAIN MEMORIAL

Meghan McCain rebukes Trump: ‘America was always great’

By Paul Kane, Gabriel Pogrund and Colby Itkowitz
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON » John McCain’s grieving daughter transformed a tribute to her demanding father into a thunderclap denunciation of his political rival, President Donald Trump.

“The America of John McCain has no need to be made great again, because America was always great,” Meghan McCain told about 3,000 mourners at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday morning, a raw mocking of Trump’s slogan that elicited an unusual burst of applause.

It was a defining moment over four days of public events to honor the senior senator from Arizona, Vietnam War hero and 2008 Republican presidential nominee, who for three years stood as Trump’s fiercest antagonist.

Former presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush — the men who crushed McCain’s presidential ambitions — echoed Meghan McCain’s sentiments but in a more political form at the memorial service. They praised a free press and ideals that go beyond borders, implicit shots at Trump’s assertion that the news media is the “enemy of the people” and his insistence on a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

But the senator’s daughter went straight for the jugular, making clear that her family’s political feud with Trump didn’t end when John McCain lost his 13-month battle with brain cancer on Aug. 25.

“We mourn the passing of American greatness, the real thing,” said Meghan McCain, 33. “Not the cheap rhetoric from men who will never come near the sacrifice he gave so willingly, nor the opportunistic appropriation of those who lived lives of comfort and privilege.”

In the audience, Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner showed no reaction. That the president’s daughter and son-in-law attended spoke to the high reverence of the moment. It also made clear that the McCain fight is with the president alone.

The McCain family did not invite Trump to any of the celebrations of the late senator’s life, from events in Phoenix on Wednesday and Thursday, to Friday’s ceremony before McCain’s casket was viewed at the Capitol, and culminating with Trump’s absence Saturday at the Cathedral.

Instead, on a drizzling morning, Trump spent his time at the White House, tweeting angrily about Canada’s trade policy and the deepening criminal investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential race. He then went

to his golf course in Virginia.

Just a few miles away, mourners convened in the type of massive bipartisan gathering of American leadership and foreign dignitaries that is usually reserved for inaugurations or the death of a president.

During the 2.5-hour service, most critiques of Trump came in that long-time Washington tradition of slamming someone while not saying his name and maintaining plausible deniability after the fact.

“His death seems to have reminded the American people that these values are what make us a great nation, not the tribal partisanship and personal attack politics that have recently characterized our life,” said Joseph Lieberman, the 2000 Democratic vice presidential nominee who became one of McCain’s closest friends.

In his last months, McCain discussed the eulogy with his daughter and gave her strict instructions: “Show them how tough you are.” On Saturday, Meghan McCain did that, not by mincing words or being subtly diplomatic. There was no question that she directed her words at Trump and his talk of a border wall shutting out immigrants, then boasting about it on Twitter.

“The America of John McCain is generous and welcoming and bold. She’s resourceful, confident, secure,” the daughter said. “She meets her responsibilities. She speaks quietly because she’s strong.”

The co-host of ABC’s “The View” shared several stories of her childhood, the tough father crooning “Singin’ in the Rain” as raindrops fell at their home and demanding that she get back to horseback riding after a fall that broke her collarbone.

“Nothing is going to break you,” he told his daughter.

She struggled at times to maintain her composure, fighting through tears.

“Dad, I love you, I always have. All that I am, all that I hope, all that I dream is grounded in what you taught me. You loved me and you showed me what love must be,” she said.

Meghan McCain is the only McCain child who is outspoken about her political views, embracing socially liberal positions on issues such as same-sex marriage while embracing her father’s national security policies.

But the late senator’s daughter had plenty of backing in her family. When she denounced Trump’s “Make America Great Again” slogan, her mother, Cindy, and brother Jimmy were among those applauding. As she finished speaking and returned to



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Meghan McCain didn’t hold back when it came to addressing her outrage toward President Donald Trump on Saturday.



“He (John McCain) respected the dignity inherent in every life, a dignity that does not stop at borders and cannot be erased by dictators. He was honorable, always recognizing that his opponents were still patriots and human beings.”

— Former President George W. Bush



“So much of our politics, our public life, our public discourse can seem small and mean and petty, trafficking in bombast and insult and phony controversies and manufactured outrage. It’s a politics that pretends to be brave and tough but in fact is born of fear.”

— Former President Barack Obama

the family pew, her mother rose and embraced her.

Saturday’s breathtaking event brought together dozens of Democratic and Republican stalwarts of the past 50 years. Across from McCain’s widow sat an amazing tableau of American politics: Obama and wife Michelle; Bush and wife Laura; former president Bill Clinton and former secretary of state Hillary Clinton; former vice president Richard B. Cheney and wife Lynne; and former vice president Al Gore. The only living presidents not in attendance were George H.W. Bush, 94, and Jimmy Carter, 93. And Trump.

Yet most leading members of Trump’s administration were on hand. White

House Chief of Staff John Kelly and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis escorted Cindy McCain at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial beforehand as she placed a wreath near the names of those who died in the war. Kelly and Mattis then took prominent seats inside the cathedral.

Henry Kissinger, Richard M. Nixon’s secretary of state during Vietnam, honored McCain.

“Our country has had the good fortune that at times of national trial a few great personalities have emerged to remind us of our essential unity and inspire us to fulfill our sustaining values,” he said. “John McCain was one of those gifts of destiny.”

Guest lineups for today’s news shows

- **ABC’s “This Week”** — Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis.; former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta
- **NBC’s “Meet the Press”** — Sens. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska; Andrew Gillum, Democratic nominee for governor in Florida.
- **CBS’ “Face the Nation”** — Gov. John Kasich, R-Ohio;

- former Secretary of State John Kerry.
- **CNN’s “State of the Union”** — Gillum; Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.; former Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn.; Rep. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio.
- **“Fox News Sunday”** — Graham; Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.; AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka.

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TRADE

Trump delivers a warning to Canada

By Luis Alonso Lugo, Paul Wiseman and Rob Gillies

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » President Donald Trump warned Canada on Saturday that it “will be out” of a revised North American trade agreement unless it’s “fair” to the United States, and he threatened to scrap the current deal should Congress “interfere” with the negotiations.

“There is no political necessity to keep Canada in the new NAFTA deal,” Trump said in one of a series of tweets as he visited his Virginia golf club.

But it’s not clear whether the Trump administration has the authority to strike a deal with just Mexico, as it announced Monday, and exclude Canada. Also, Congress must approve any rewrite of the North American Free Trade Agreement, signed under President Bill Clinton, and might refuse to endorse a deal that leaves longtime ally Canada on the sidelines.

Talks to keep Canada in the trade bloc are to resume this week as Washington and Ottawa try to break a deadlock over issues such as Canada’s dairy market and U.S. efforts to shield drug companies from generic competition.

“As we’ve said all week, we’re working toward a

modernized NAFTA that is good for the middle class and people working hard to join it,” said Adam Austen, a spokesman for Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland. “With good will and flexibility on all sides, a win-win outcome is achievable. Canada, of course, will only sign a deal which is good for Canada.”

Trump notified Congress on Friday that he plans to sign an agreement in 90 days with Mexico to replace NAFTA and hopes Canada can be brought on board. Congress would have to approve any agreement.

“There is no political necessity to keep Canada in the new NAFTA deal. If we don’t make a fair deal for the U.S. after decades of abuse, Canada will be out,” Trump tweeted. “Congress should not interfere w/ these negotiations or I will simply terminate NAFTA entirely & we will be far better off...”

Earlier, he said he loved Canada but said “they’ve taken advantage of our Country for many years!”

A U.S.-Mexico deal sealed on Monday excluded Canada. Freeland then hurried to Washington for talks aimed at preserving Canada’s membership in the regional trade agreement.

But Freeland couldn’t break an impasse in four days of negotiations.

WHITE HOUSE



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President Donald Trump’s motorcade on its way to his golf course in Sterling, Va.

Just another day at the golf course

By The Associated Press

STERLING, VA. » For President Donald Trump, it was just like any other Saturday.

As political dignitaries gathered in Washington to memorialize Sen. John McCain, Trump tweeted familiar grievances and headed to the golf course.

McCain’s family had made clear Trump was not welcome at the funeral for the six-term senator and decorated war veteran at the Washington National Cathedral.

Seated in the pews were three former presidents, a host of lawmakers and top officials from around the world. Speakers at the service did not mention Trump by name but repeatedly drew contrasts between McCain’s record of service and the divisive politics of the day.

The White House did not answer questions about whether Trump played golf or if he watched the service from afar.

Dressed in a white polo shirt and baseball hat, Trump left the White House in the morning as the late senator’s daughter, Meghan McCain, delivered an emotional address that served as a direct rebuke of Trump and his policies. The tributes still underway, the presidential motorcade whisked him to Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Virginia.

Throughout the day, Trump tweeted gripes about trade talks with Canada and the Justice Department.

By midafternoon he had not named McCain, who had been an infuriating foil in a long-running feud that did not end with the senator’s illness and death.

COURTS

Ex-campaign aide who lied seeks probation

By The Washington Post

WASHINGTON » Candidate Donald Trump “nodded with approval” at the suggestion of a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, according to a court filing that seeks leniency for a former campaign aide who lied to the FBI.

Lawyers for George Papadopoulos are seeking probation, saying the foreign policy adviser misled agents during a January 2017 interview not to harm an investigation but rather to “save his professional aspirations and preserve a perhaps misguided loyalty to his master.”

Papadopoulos is a pivotal figure in special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation as the first Trump campaign aide to plead guilty and cooperate with prosecutors. The revelation that he’d been told by a professor during the campaign that Russia had “dirt” on Democrat Hillary Clinton in the form of emails helped trigger the FBI’s counterintelligence investigation in July 2016 into potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign.

The 16-page defense memo filed late Friday paints Papadopoulos as an eager-to-please campaign aide who was in over his head, and aims to counter the prosecution’s narrative that Papadopoulos’s deception irreparably damaged the investigation.

The defense lawyers say Papadopoulos was hired by the campaign in March 2016 despite having no experience with Russian or U.S. diplomacy.

At a March 31 meeting of Trump’s national security adviser, Papadopoulos proposed that he could leverage his newfound Russian connections to arrange a meeting between Trump and Putin.

DIPLOMACY

7 years after Obama’s trip to Ireland, Trump set to follow suit

WASHINGTON » When Barack Obama and Michelle Obama visited Ireland for a brief trip in 2011, the president and first lady were greeted with much fanfare.

The Obamas paid tribute to the president’s Irish heritage in the tiny village of Moneygall, home to

Obama’s great-great-great-grandfather, Fulmouth Kearney, who immigrated to New York as a young man. They saw Obama’s eighth cousin, Henry Healy.

Later that day, speaking to a massive crowd in Dublin, the president told them, “I’m Barack

Obama, from the Moneygall Obamas. And I’ve come home to find the apostrophe that we lost somewhere along the way.”

Now, more than seven years later, the current occupant of the Oval Office has announced plans to visit the Emerald Isle. On Fri-

day, the White House said President Donald Trump will travel to Ireland in November, as well as to France, where will he commemorate the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I.

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Fire

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This is life in the Bay Area's wildfire country, on edge since last year's deadly Wine Country fires and a parade of headlines since about California's fiery hellscape.

Instead of retreating, though, residents are readying themselves for the reality that their community could be next.

At least 15 percent of the Bay Area's residential land lies in what the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection deems a "very high risk" zone for wildfires, according to a 2018 analysis by the Association of Bay Area Governments and Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Add the land in "high risk" zones, and it's nearly half.

In the Bay Area, the very-high-risk regions cover many of the foothills surrounding San Francisco Bay: the drier inland slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains and communities nestled among them, like Saratoga, Los Gatos and Morgan Hill; the East Bay hills and parts of Mill Valley in the North Bay.

Fire officials wouldn't single out any community among these red-zone areas as particularly more vulnerable than another.

"These zones don't predict when and where fire will occur," said Daniel Berlant, a Cal Fire assistant deputy director, "just where wildfire hazard is more severe."

So when a grass fire erupted in Mill Valley on Aug. 17 near Quijas' house and burned half an acre in five minutes, he ran full speed into the thick smoke. He was hoping to prevent the unkempt brush from catching fire, which could ignite the trees, and then homes. He feared it could be Santa Rosa all over again.

"Everyone thinks it's not going to be me," said Quijas, who owns a construction company. "But it can be you."

A few days afterward, the Mill Valley fire marshal contacted Quijas to tell him of an upcoming neighborhood meeting on emergency preparedness.

Just a few miles away from Quijas, Ellen Peterson was already way ahead of the fire marshal. In May, she helped her neighbors participate in an evacuation drill.

Seventy people walked or drove down the single road that would get them off their hilly neighborhood in the event of fire.

Having worked as a nurse at the VA in San Francisco, Peterson knew the importance of emergency preparedness.

For the drill, she packed an emergency kit stuffed with enough energy bars to last three days, water, a change of clothes, money and important documents. She even got a wagon to carry her cat, Jack, down to safety.



Retired nurse Ellen Peterson and her partner, Eric Stoelting, live on the edge of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Mill Valley. Here they show the wagon they keep if they have to evacuate by foot.

The quiet and friendly neighborhood Peterson is working to protect is notable for the eucalyptus trees that dominate its hills. The Australian imports are useful as windbreaks but are known to be dry and to harbor oils in their leaves that make them ideal fuel for a wildfire. So 15 years ago, Peterson cut down all her eucalyptus trees.

But Peterson can't control what goes on just behind her property line. Hundreds of the flammable trees, growing on the land of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, loom over Peterson's house. Her partner, Eric Stoelting, said, "We're sitting ducks here."

The last devastating wildfire to scorch Mill Valley was in 1929, but there have been periodic scares since.

Decades without a fire doesn't mean the area is immune.

The Bay Area government analysis found that historic burn sites have been decent predictors of current fire risk.

In fact, much of the area that burned in a series of fires in 1964 in Sonoma and Napa counties burned again last year in the deadly Wine Country fires. Local officials in 2016 had pondered the catastrophic consequences of a repeat inferno.

"In the end," the analysis said, "the 2017 fires were even worse than a direct repeat of the 1964 fires."

The historically very-high-risk hazard zones carry additional building code requirements, require disclosure in real estate transactions, and affect zoning and insurance rates.

Cal Fire's current wildfire risk maps were produced more than a decade ago, so the state agency is updating them to incorporate new scientific data such as wind patterns that can fan a routine brush fire into a raging inferno. But the Bay Area's most-primed-to-burn locations won't change



Demetrios Nichols, left, consults with JR Call of the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council about fire prevention work on his property in the mountains of Los Gatos.



Tyler McDonald and Mike Quijas describe a recent brush fire that briefly trapped residents in a Mill Valley neighborhood on the slopes of Mt. Tamalpais.

much from what's already marked on the maps in fire-engine red.

"The science is pretty much still there — it's not like they're outdated," Berlant said.

Across the Bay, the community of Kensington is hoping it will be prepared if fire ever sweeps out of the nearby canyon to their homes. If it does, it will have to jump a firebreak known as Ye Olde School Trail.

That firebreak is Ciara Wood's obsession, something she and others work at daily — clearing brush, trimming ivy, scooping weeds — while hoping the day it's needed never comes.

"This is a year-round project," said Wood. "We want to give the firefighters time to get to us. We do this, and we figure we've got a shot" at getting out alive.

If a fire were to arrive,

Wood said, she would run to grab a collection of silver she's had for years and make a dash for it. She's promised a neighbor her passenger seat. She'll leave "knowing we did our best" to give people time to flee.

"We're all terrified of fire," Vera Pardee, an environmental lawyer, said as she stood on the break after going for a run. "We're encroaching on the wilderness."

Ron Shiromoto, a retired microbiologist who lives near Wood, said people have to be ready to save themselves — and others.

"If a fire comes up the canyon, they tell us we'll have 10 minutes to go," he said.

Neighbors have assigned tasks, such as search and rescue. Sheds containing emergency equipment are placed around the neighborhood. Most residents have "go bags" near their front doors, Shiromoto said.

Down in the redwood forest of Los Gatos, Nichols remembers packing his "go bag" for real. The forest home he built in 1972 is close to where a massive fire

"We're all terrified of fire. We're encroaching on the wilderness."

— Vera Pardee, an environmental lawyer

on Summit Road broke out in 2008, burning more than 4,000 acres.

He and his wife, Patty, were among the nearly 1,400 households evacuated, and he recalls the frustration he felt as he scrambled to pack his belongings with little notice.

He learned his lesson. Now, he keeps flip-top containers with computer hard drives containing all of his most important files.

And when he realized that his wooden house was just as much a fire hazard as the brush and dying trees around him, he installed a metal roof over the house and reinforced the boundaries of his property with cement. With his health declining, Nichols called on the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council's special needs assistance program, which sends crews to cut back brush and vegetation free of charge for homeowners who can't do it themselves.

Luckily for Nichols, his redwood abode is mortgage-free. But his insurance rates continue to climb, so he's thinking of alternatives to safeguard a house in fire country: "Invest in 20,000 gallons of water storage. Put sprinklers on the roof that would continually flood my property in the event of a fire."

James Schwabe, who lives in a dry patch of the Los Gatos hills, also has gotten creative with insuring his home from fire danger.

To protect his property, which doubles as a vineyard, Schwabe bought 100 feet of hose and a gas-powered water pump that will draw water from his backyard pool. The equipment, which costs around \$400, is a "good insurance policy," he said.

"Preparedness is just one of the prices of living in a wonderful area like this," Nichols said, adding that "it's the homeowner's responsibility not to rely on insurance or firefighters."

That sense of responsibility is what led Quijas to throw himself at the Mill Valley brush fire on Aug. 17. He already had "several bags for emergency storage" and a mountain bike to evacuate, since "that's the only way to get out," he said.

But instead, he launched at it with a heavy-duty hose, and when he realized it wasn't long enough to reach the flames, he ran back at it with a shovel, to dig a firebreak around the grass.

"I had a plan for getting out," Quijas said. "But you don't want to get out. You kind of want to stay and fight."

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Kurtenbach

FROM PAGE 1

ous contention in the final years (or year) of their East Bay residency.

Those fans are now on the same page as Gruden.

Here's the cut-and-dry of the situation: Gruden didn't believe he could build the Raiders into a true Super Bowl-contending team by giving a defensive end "quarterback money" on top of Derek Carr's \$25 million-a-year deal.

It's hard to argue with that logic.

Giving Mack a contract that would pay him roughly \$23 million a year would have meant that nearly a quarter of the Raiders payroll would be going to two players. It also would have limited Gruden's ability to upgrade a roster that, frankly, needs plenty of renovation over the next few years.

Lock in both Carr and Mack long-term and you're likely locking in a team with an eight- or nine-win ceiling for the next few years. That's good, but not great, and I don't think Gruden signed up for that. I don't think the people of Las Ve-

gas would be thrilled with that, either. It's not like there aren't other places the entertainment dollar can go.

There are plenty of questions — fair ones — about trading Mack a few days before the season starts. Why now? The rationale behind it is simple, though unsavory: Aaron Donald and the Los Angeles Rams reset the market for defensive linemen Friday with a six-year, \$135 million deal, and Gruden decided he wasn't going to match that or Donald's \$87 million signing bonus.

That meant Mack would hold out well into the regular season or Gruden would relent on his stance that a defensive player — even an objectively great one — is not worth as much as a quarterback. That was going to be one awesome game of chicken, and I don't know who would have won. Gruden didn't want to play — so he called off the game.

Yes, Mack has Hall of Fame potential, but again, he's not worth as much as a quarterback. A competent starting quarterback is worth three wins per season (see: Garoppolo, Jimmy), and a great quarterback is worth five or six



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith (11) looks for an open receiver while trying to outrun the Raiders' Khalil Mack (52) during their game at the Coliseum in Oakland in October.

(see: Rodgers, Aaron).

And to get two first-round draft picks for a player who was never going to sign a long-term deal with the Raiders. Yes, I said never. If Gruden didn't want to give Mack his fair-market value going into this season, he certainly wouldn't give Mack a long-term extension going into next year, when he would be even more expensive.

On top of the game of chicken, the Raiders and Mack were heading to

franchise-tag purgatory that might have resulted in Mack leaving, without anything in return, before the Raiders left for Las Vegas. Mack is great, but everything about the situation doesn't seem worth the trouble for Gruden. Jon hates distractions.

Signing Mack is the Bears' issue now, though it'll be easier for them to manage because they have a quarterback on a rookie-scale contract. Officially, the Raiders will receive

first-round picks in 2019 and 2020, a third-rounder in 2020 and a sixth-rounder in 2019, giving up a second-round pick in 2020, plus a conditional fifth-rounder in 2020.

Gruden, in turn, has four first-round picks in the next two drafts. He'll be heading into Vegas with a team that, in theory, will be young and built in the coach's image.

I'm not sure if the people of Nevada should be excited or scared.

Remember: Gruden was

a terrible general manager the last time he had full control of a team. His poor drafting, paired with on-field micromanaging, created a toxic situation in Tampa Bay, who fired him in 2009.

And make no mistake, Gruden is the Raiders' general manager. If there was any doubt in your mind before today, it should be eliminated.

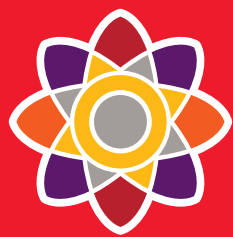
Reggie McKenzie — who was going to sign Mack this past offseason — might still hold the GM title, but he's a highly compensated assistant to Gruden, handling the day-to-day stuff under the coach's direction and standing in as a scapegoat for his decisions.

Gruden says that's not the case — maintains that he and McKenzie work alongside each other — but the truth of the matter is that Gruden says a lot of things: All of them sound good, but not all of them are true.

No, the Mack deal seals it: This is 100 percent Gruden's team. And it's a team that's in a quasi-rebuilding state.

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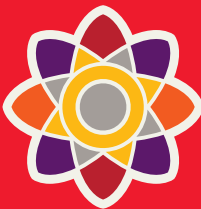


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RUSSIA

Peace plan for Ukraine on ice after rebel’s death

News service reports

MOSCOW » Russia ruled out any rapid progress in peace talks for eastern Ukraine after pro-Russian separatist leader Alexander Zakharchenko was killed in a bomb explosion.

Zakharchenko, 42, was a native of the Donetsk region who led the self-proclaimed Donetsk People’s Republic in an armed rebellion against the Ukrainian state for the past four years.



Zakharchenko

He was killed in the regional capital Friday at a restaurant in the Donetsk city center, according to the rebel group’s Donetsk News Agency.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Saturday that the attack was “Ukraine’s provocation ...

obviously aimed at derailing the implementation of the Minsk agreements,” referring to the 2015 deals aimed at resolving the Ukraine conflict.

The fighting in the country’s two easternmost regions, Donetsk and Luhansk, erupted four years ago in response to Ukraine ousting its pro-Russian president in a pivot to the West. More than 10,000 people have since died in the conflict.

It is now “impossible” to talk about planning the next international talks over the conflict, Lavrov said, according to the TASS news agency.

“This is a serious situation that needs to be analyzed,” he said.

France and Germany are seeking to bring Ukraine and Russia to the negotiating table for talks focused on a potential United Nations military mission to the region.



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A security officer stands by a destroyed cafe after a blast killed rebel leader Alexander Zakharchenko, in Donetsk, Ukraine.

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Claiming executive privilege, the White House has declined to release all the records of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, above, record from when he worked for President George W. Bush.

Trump to withhold all of Kavanaugh’s records

By The Washington Post

WASHINGTON » President Donald Trump will not release more than 100,000 pages of records from Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh’s tenure in the George W. Bush White House, claiming they would be covered by executive privilege.

The White House’s decision was disclosed in a letter sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee on Friday ahead of Kavanaugh’s confirmation hearings next week. A Bush representative who has led a team of attorneys reviewing Kavanaugh’s papers confirmed that lawyers have finished going through the records and have turned over about 415,000 pages to the committee, although about 147,000 of those pages are being withheld from public view.

“President Bush directed us to proceed expeditiously and to err as much as appropriate on the side of transparency and disclosure, and we believe we have done so,” attorney Bill Burck, who serves as Bush’s presidential records representative, wrote to the committee.

Burck said in the letter that 101,921 pages are not being given to the committee because the White House believes they are protected by presidential privilege and, after discussions with the Justice Department, “has directed that we not provide these documents for this reason.”

The Presidential Records Act allows both the former administration and the current White House to claim privilege on presidential documents. A White House spokesman, Raj Shah, said Saturday that he will let the letter, first reported by the Associated Press, speak for itself. Trump has not officially invoked executive privilege over the documents.

“Judge Kavanaugh, an associate and senior associate White House counsel, dealt with some of the most sensitive communications of any White House official,” Burck wrote. The major portion of the documents withheld for privilege “reflect deliberations and candid advice concerning the selection and nomination of judicial candidates, the confidentiality of which is critical to any president’s ability to carry out this core constitutional executive function.”

The battle over Kavanaugh’s documents has been a dominant story line in the fight to replace the retired Justice Anthony Kennedy.

Both sides prepare for marathon hearing

By Zeke Miller and Lisa Mascaro
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh isn’t the only one engaging in practice sessions ahead of next week’s grueling confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senators from both parties also are prepping for the four-day marathon — including Wednesday’s multi-hour question-and-answer exchange — in which Kavanaugh’s views on the biggest legal issues of the day are expected to be mined for the conservative judge’s approach to the law.

Abortion, executive power, campaign finance reform, regulatory oversight and gun violence are among the many topics senators in particular are preparing to probe after the 53-year-old appellate court judge raises his right hand and is sworn in for the hearings.

President Donald Trump’s pick for the court has long been readying for this moment. A White House operation is focused primarily on defending Kavanaugh and amplifying his answers, with Senate Republicans set to take the lead in going after Democrats on the committee.

The White House has assembled a team of attorneys from the counsel’s office, Kavanaugh’s roster of former clerks, and other Republican lawyers to document his record and meticulously prepare him for the questions they expect him to face. For every line of questioning, the lawyers and communications aides have prepared suggested responses for Kavanaugh to deploy and amplifying material to release to the public.

The operation is standard for any confirmation process, but given the polarized political environment the White House is preparing for an intense battle.

The process began shortly after Kavanaugh’s selection, with the team arranging binders on every conceivable issue. They now line the office used by the confirmation team in the Eisenhower Executive Office Build-

ing and many will move over to Capitol Hill for the hearing. In the subsequent weeks, White House attorneys and his former law clerks engaged Kavanaugh in question and answer sessions on those topics, as communications and legislative affairs aides looked on.

Those conversations evolved into topical sessions and then to full mock hearings. The committee’s former chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chaired the mock sessions, as he and a number of other senators took turns grilling the judge on issues they expect committee members to raise, according to a Republican aide granted anonymity to discuss the process.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., also participated, according to a source familiar with the sessions. Justice Department and White House attorneys, as well as outside allies, stood in for key Republican and Democratic senators on the committee. The officials would not say how many mock hearings have been conducted, but they insist Kavanaugh is well prepared.

Senators, at least on the Democratic side, are engaged in similar moot sessions.

Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., enlisted the expertise of Ron Klain, a former White House official and top debate prep adviser, for mock exchanges. He plans to focus much of his inquiry into Kavanaugh’s views on executive power. For the first round of questions, each senator on the panel is allotted 30 minutes.

“There’s a lot of different topics to focus on, but given the context we’re in, I am most concerned about Judge Kavanaugh’s long and demonstrated record of thinking that the executive branch should have more power than it does now,” Coons said. “It has to give one pause in a context where our current president is currently being investing by a special counsel.”

Republicans are also preparing but an aide to the committee chairman, Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, said other than reading his questions aloud a few times beforehand, he’s doesn’t feel the need to engage in practice sessions.

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Frank Rzucek, center, and family of Shanann Watts approach her casket before lifting it into a hearse outside Sacred Heart Catholic Church Saturday in Pinehurst, N.C.

Priest: Family wants justice in killing of mother, daughters

By The Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. » Shanann Watts will be remembered as a “woman of love” and her two young two daughters as being filled with life and joy, a priest said Saturday during a funeral service for the slain Colorado family found at an oil work site. The hour-long service in Pinehurst, North Carolina, included no reference to 33-year-old Christopher Watts, the husband and father charged in the killings. Police say he killed his 34-year-old pregnant wife and their daughters, four-year-old Bella and three-year-old Celeste, inside the family’s suburban Denver home then dumped their bodies on his former employer’s property. During the funeral at a Catholic church, Father John Forbes read comments aloud from Shanann Watts’

father, mother and brother. Watts is from North Carolina; the couple moved to Colorado shortly after they married about six years ago. “You are nothing but pure love, always caring for everyone,” her father, Frank Rzucek, wrote. “You will always be daddy’s little girl.” Forbes said the victim’s mother, Sandra Onorati Rzucek, described Shanann as a “fireball” and asked God to “give all our love” to her daughter and grandchildren. “Mom, Nonna, loves you with all her soul,” she wrote. Forbes said Shanann Watts’ family would like to see good come from the tragedy, including a law to recognize the lives of unborn children such as their grandson. “They do not desire vengeance and death, but justice and life,” Forbes said. Family members say

Shanann Watts was pregnant with a boy who she planned to name Nico. Colorado is one of 12 states without a law broadly allowing for homicide charges in the violent death of fetuses. Prosecutors have charged Christopher Watts with murder and other charges, including unlawful termination of a pregnancy, a felony. A friend asked police on Aug. 13 to check on Shanann Watts and her children after she could not reach them via text or phone. Police searched the family’s home in Frederick and found Shanann Watts’ purse and phone still there. Christopher Watts remains in a Colorado jail without bail and has not yet entered a plea. Prosecutors charged him with killing all three family members.

BUSINESS

Aretha’s lack of a will could make things rocky for heirs

By Andrew Dalton
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES » Aretha Franklin was so hard-nosed in her business dealings that she demanded to be paid in cash before performing. Her heirs won’t have it so simple. Though she lived to 76 and was terminally ill with pancreatic cancer, the Queen of Soul died without a will. As her four sons and other family members move on from Friday’s funeral in Detroit, they’re left with the potentially tall task of finding out how many millions she was worth, and divvying it up, a process that could take years and is likely to play out in public. Estate law experts expressed surprise but not shock that a wealthy person like Franklin would put off making a will until it was too late. At least one of the singer’s attorneys says he urged her repeatedly over the years to draft one. “I tried to convince her that she should do not just a will but a trust while she was still alive,” says Don Wilson, a Los Angeles lawyer who worked



Franklin

on entertainment matters for Franklin for nearly 30 years. “She never told me, ‘No, I don’t want to do one.’ She understood the need. It just didn’t seem to be something she got around to.” Laura Zwicker, an attorney who specializes in estate planning but is not affiliated with the Franklin estate, says she sees it happen all too often in her work. “People don’t like to face their own mortality,” Zwicker says. “I had a client who had a \$70 million real estate portfolio who had had end-stage diabetes. He had plenty of conversations with me about estate planning but would not sign the documents.” Papers filed in Michigan’s Oakland County court last week by David J. Bennett, the lawyer who worked most closely with Franklin, lay out the few known basics: She was not married and left four sons, ages 48 to 63: Clarence Franklin, Edward Franklin, Kecalf Franklin and Ted White Jr. Clarence, Aretha’s eldest, is incapacitated and is represented by a guardian. And a niece of hers has accepted the role of executor. Under Michigan law, as in most states, the sons will equally divide their mother’s assets in the absence of

a will, and so far no signs of conflict have emerged among family members. Bennett did not respond to phone and email messages seeking comment. Aretha Franklin’s friend Ron Moten, a Michigan businessman, gave the four sons some guidance in his speech at Friday’s funeral. “Remember your family, and friends that have been with you for years,” Moten told the men. “Because you are about to meet a lot of people who will now want to be your new best friend. You will also meet some people that will have the best investments in the world for you. My advice? Go slow, be careful and be smart.” The documents make no mention of the value of Franklin’s estate. The figure almost certainly runs into the tens of millions, but there will probably be widely varying estimates as her attorneys seek to downplay her wealth for tax purposes and the IRS tries to maximize the amount for its own reasons. Franklin maintained ownership of the songs she wrote and did well by them, Wilson says, though of her major hits, “Think” is the only one that’s her own composition. She also wrote some lesser hits, such as “Rock Steady.”

OHIO

Policeman, attacked by K9 partner, shoots dog

By The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, OHIO » Police in Ohio’s capital city of Columbus say a K9 officer verbally correcting his dog’s behaviors was attacked by the animal and had to shoot it. The Columbus Division of Police says Officer Brian Carter suffered “serious” bites to his arms during a training session Saturday morning. Carter was rushed to a hospital where he underwent surgery Saturday afternoon. The dog, a 3½-year-old male Belgian Malinois

named Benzi, was euthanized by a veterinarian. Benzi had been in service with Columbus police for two years. Columbus K9 Unit supervisor Sgt. Mark Cartwright says it’s the first time that a Columbus officer has had to shoot a K9 partner.

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Dutch police officers point their guns at a wounded 19-year-old man who was shot by police Friday after a stabbing attack on two Americans in the Amsterdam train station.

‘Terrorist motive’ alleged in attack on Americans

By Mike Corder
The Associated Press

AMSTERDAM » A 19-year-old Afghan citizen had a “terrorist motive” for allegedly stabbing two Americans at the main train station in Amsterdam, city authorities in the Dutch capital said Saturday.

Amsterdam police shot and wounded the suspect after the stabbings Friday at Central Station. The local government said hours later it appeared the people injured weren’t targeted for a specific reason, but added that investigators had not ruled out terror as an aim or any other possibilities.

After the U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands identified the victims as American tourists Saturday, Amsterdam City Hall gave an update.

“Based on the suspect’s first statements, he had a terrorist motive,” the city administration said in a statement that did not elaborate on what the statements were or how they showed intent.

The wounded Americans were recovering in a hospital from what police termed serious but not life-threatening injuries. Their identities have not been released. The suspect, who was identified only as Jawed S. in line with privacy rules in the Netherlands, also remained hospitalized.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte confirmed on Twitter that the investigation fo-

cused Saturday on exploring the extremist ideas that allegedly inspired the train station attack.

The Netherlands’ counter-terror chief, Dick Schoof, tweeted that the country’s threat level would remain at number four on a scale that tops out at five.

“Sadly, this reprehensible act fits into the current threat assessment,” he said.

The suspect had a residency permit from Germany. German authorities searched his home and seized data storage devices that would be analyzed as part of the investigation, the city government statement said.

He was scheduled to be arraigned during a closed-door hearing with an investigating judge on Monday. Dutch officials did not disclose the charges he could face. Earlier Saturday, the U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands confirmed that the two people injured Friday were Americans visiting the Netherlands when they were stabbed at the station.

Ambassador Pete Hoekstra issued a statement saying U.S. Embassy officials had been in touch with the victims or their families.

“We wish them a speedy recovery and are working closely with the City of Amsterdam to provide assistance to them and their families,” Hoekstra said.

The station is patrolled by armed police and other security staff.

NEW YORK

Rachel Cowan, innovative rabbi, dies

By news service reports

Rabbi Rachel Cowan, a Mayflower descendant who converted to Judaism and became a leading innovator in three nontraditional movements in that faith — helping couples navigate the shoals of mixed marriage, designing “healing services” to comfort the sick and dying, and injecting contemplative practices such as meditation and mindfulness into religious life — died Friday at her home in New York. She was 77.

The cause was brain cancer, her family said.

Cowan learned more than two years ago that she

had cancer, and her friends held twice-weekly services of songs, psalms and readings for her.

A flavor of that healing movement was evident in one service: In the middle of a meditation, according to Rabbi Lisa Goldstein, executive director of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, a frail Cowan piped up, “You know, at my funeral I want you to sing ‘If I Had a Hammer.’” Her friends asked if she wanted to hear the tune at that moment; when she nodded yes, they broke out in song.

Cowan and her husband, Paul Cowan, a writer and reporter for The Village

Voice who grew up with little sense of his Jewish heritage, were 1960s civil rights and anti-war activists who began exploring Judaism in their mid-30s.

They were never passive worshippers but became passionate movers in a Jewish revival on the Upper West Side of Manhattan that stressed intimate, egalitarian, small-group circles rather than large temple services.

At one point, their synagogue, the once grand but then crumbling Ansche Chesed, housed five small congregations, each with its individual approach to worship and no rabbi.

TENNESSEE

Longtime Strait drummer killed in crash

By The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, TENN. » The longtime drummer for country music star George Strait was killed in a car wreck outside of Nashville.

Strait spokeswoman Ebie McFarland confirmed that 59-year-old Michael A. Kennedy of Baxter died Friday.

A report from the Ten-

nessee Highway Patrol said Kennedy was driving on Interstate 40 in Wilson County on Friday afternoon when he merged into another lane.

Kennedy’s vehicle collided with a tractor trailer, which then hit a pickup truck. No one else was injured.

Authorities said Kennedy

was not wearing a seatbelt, but it likely would not have made a difference.

The Tennessean reported that Kennedy had been the drummer for Strait’s Ace in the Hole Band for nearly 30 years. The paper quoted Strait’s production manager, Paul Rogers, as saying “the heartbeat of our band is gone.”

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Editorial

Vote yes on Prop. 12, give farm animals a cage-free environment

Shoppers buying eggs in California grocery stores can see firsthand the progress that has been made since 2008 when 64 percent of California voters passed an initiative designed to halt the practice of housing hens in cages so small that they were virtually immobile.

Eggs produced from cage-free or free-roaming hens are readily available. Major corporations such as McDonald's, Safeway, Starbucks and Walmart have committed to only buying cage-free eggs, and others are following suit. But there is still work to be done to meet the goal of creating a more humane environment for California's 15.5 million egg-laying hens.

Voters should approve Proposition 12 on the November ballot. The initiative requires that egg-laying hens be cage-free by 2021 and housed in an environment that allows them a minimum of 144 square inches, equal to a square foot, of space per hen. That standard also would apply to farmers in other states that sell eggs in California.

The proposition doesn't stop at only protecting hens. It also requires that breeding pigs and calves used for veal be cage-free by 2020 and allowed to roam inside barns. California does not have sizable pork and veal industries, but the proposition would ban the sales from other states not meeting California's standards.

The proposition isn't perfect. Midwestern states will challenge California's ability to impose standards on their farms. And we would greatly prefer that this sort of law be vetted and passed by the Legislature rather than approved by ballot measure. Backers of Prop. 12 keep trying that avenue but run into immovable opposition from both the agriculture industry and oppo-

nents who would rather see farm animals and their products not be consumed by people, period.

Because California hens lay 5 billion eggs a year for human consumption, the state has a moral obligation to encourage the most humane conditions possible.

Neither proponents nor opponents of the proposition could answer the question of what percentage of California's egg-laying hens live in cage-free environments. But nationally, since the 2008 measure was passed, the number has increased from 3 percent in 2009 to nearly 13 percent in 2017. Hens' natural behavior demands that they have scratch areas, perches and nests for laying

that cage-free settings allow. It's true that hens allowed to roam sometimes attack and even kill other hens, something that cannot happen when they are caged. But as we argued in 2008, while Mother Nature may be cruel, it doesn't mean humans have to be, too.

The situation is even worse for pigs and calves. The majority of the pork and veal Californians eat comes from farms that confine pigs and calves in gestation crates so small that they do not have the space to move or turn around. The ballot measure allows farmers wanting to sell pork and veal in California sufficient time to convert their operations without doing undue harm to their business.

Some farmers argue that the end result will be increased prices for consumers. But McDonald's said it wouldn't be raising prices at all as a result of going with cage-free hens. And even if it did, it's a small price to pay for substantially improving the lives of millions of hens, pigs and calves. Vote yes on Proposition 12.



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Proposition 12 requires that egg-laying hens be cage-free by 2020 and allowed to roam inside barns.

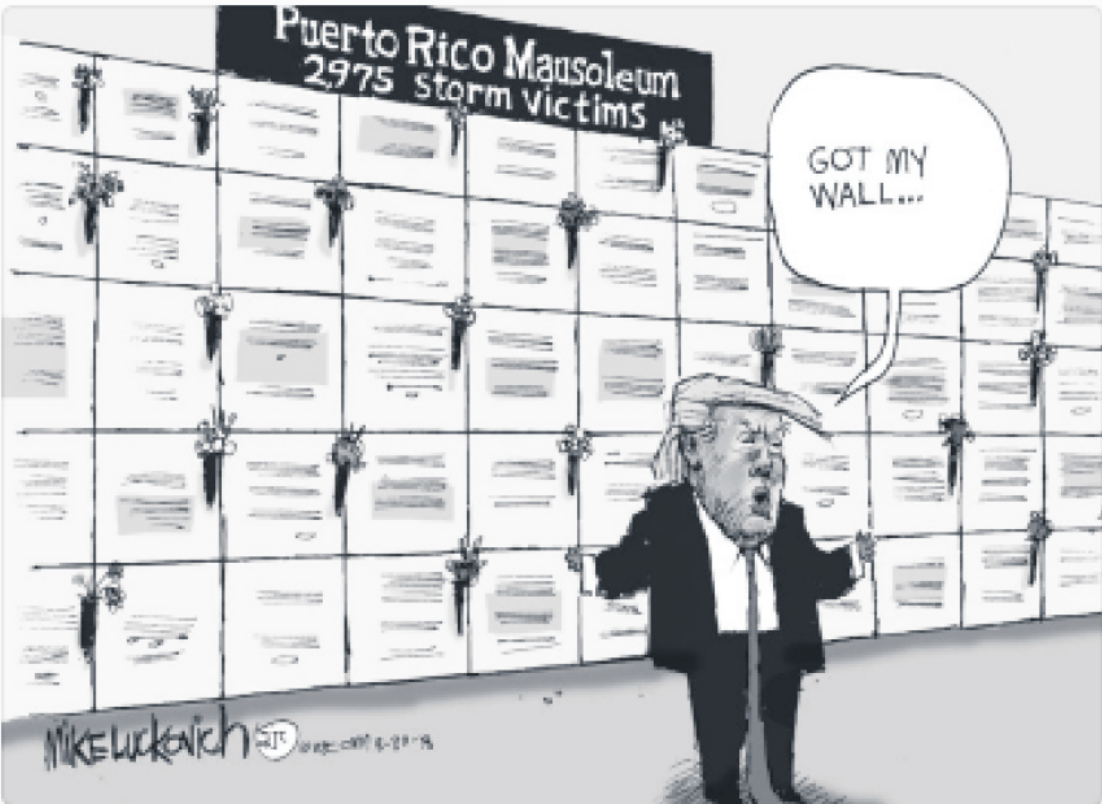


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PROPOSITION 6 DEBATE

Repeal gas tax increase?

In 2017, legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown increased gas taxes by about 18 cents a gallon and car registration fees by \$25 to \$175 annually. Those levies would continue to rise with inflation. The new annual revenues of \$5.1 billion are for transportation funding. Proposition 6 would repeal those increases and require voter approval for future fuel and vehicle fee hikes.

Yes: Provide immediate relief

By Carl DeMaio

California has a cost-of-living problem, and the recently imposed gas and car tax hikes will only make it worse.

That's why nearly 1 million Californians signed the petition to get Proposition 6 on the November ballot. Democrats, independents and Republicans all see our cost of living as unsustainable.

A "yes" vote on Proposition 6 not only will repeal the latest increases in the gas and car taxes, but you will send a clear message to politicians that they need to do more to address the struggles of working Californians who are barely making ends meet. We cannot afford regressive, unfair taxes like the gas and car tax hikes.

This year, we Californians will pay nearly \$1 more per gallon because of taxes, fees and other state government mandates. The new gas and car tax hikes can cost a family of four more than \$500 per year.

A "yes" vote on Proposition 6 will provide working families with immediate relief from these higher costs.

In addition to fighting the higher cost-of-living, a "yes" vote will end the fraud being perpetrated by Sacramento politicians who divert our gas tax funds.

Politicians are trying to con voters into thinking that the gas tax is earmarked for road repairs. Worse, they're shamefully running ads claiming that if you don't accept higher taxes, you may put your life at risk for traffic accidents and collapsing bridges.

How dare they use fear-mongering when they have diverted the existing gas tax funds from those same projects for years.

When you see those scary ads paid for by special interests who want your tax dollars, please remember that prior to these new gas and car tax hikes, California drivers already were paying some of the highest gas taxes in the country, and yet we still have the fourth worst roads.

The theft of our gas tax funds will continue. In fact, the latest gas tax hike law allows politicians to spend the money any way they want within a broad definition of what constitutes a transportation-related purpose — including park and recreation programs, job training programs, college and university grants, bike lanes, transit, light and heavy rail, and even farm programs.

The governor even has power to transfer all the gas tax funds to cover shortfalls in the state's general fund. Put simply, not a single penny is mandated to be spent just on roads.

What little money that does make it to the roads will be riddled with waste, fraud and abuse. The Reason Foundation's annual highway report reveals that California spends 2.5 times more per mile of state-controlled highway than the national average.

There is a better solution for fixing California's roads without a tax increase. A "yes" vote on Proposition 6 will give us the mandate to implement better alternatives with real accountability.

The Yes-on-Proposition 6 coalition proposes that 100 percent of the previous gas tax be spent entirely on roads. We also propose earmarking the sales tax on cars to regional, intermodal transportation projects.

Finally, we would impose significant accountability, efficiency and transparency reforms to make sure our funds are effectively spent.

Take a stand against California's high cost of living and continued gas-tax fraud by politicians by voting "yes" on Proposition 6.

Carl DeMaio is a former San Diego city councilman and chairman of the Yes on Proposition 6 campaign. He wrote this commentary for CALmatters, a public interest journalism venture committed to explaining how California's Capitol works and why it matters.

No: Fix California's roads

By Skip Carter

Earlier this summer, a section of roadway on Interstate 5 near downtown Sacramento crumbled away, causing multiple collisions, vehicle damage and flat tires, closing the highway and snarling the morning commute.

The drivers involved — and the California Highway Patrol officers who responded — were fortunate this time: No one was killed. But with our crumbling roadway infrastructure, we may not be so fortunate next time.

That's why so many first responders and public safety leaders oppose Proposition 6 on the November ballot — the measure that would eliminate \$5 billion annually in existing transportation funding. If Prop. 6 passes, our roads will continue to deteriorate, and the safety of our bridges and roads will only get worse.

What happened on I-5 wasn't a surprise to anyone who travels this route. A recent study shows six of the nation's top 50 most dangerous highways are in California. Interstate 5 in California is the nation's fourth most dangerous. Highway 101 was number 16 on the list, with the majority of fatal crashes in Santa Clara County.

The sad fact is the crumbling pavement that caused the crashes and delays in Sacramento are all too familiar in almost every part of the state.

The latest National Highway Traffic Safety Administration numbers show there were 3,600 fatalities on California roads in 2016. And any CHP officer can tell you poor roads are a major cause of collisions.

Eighty-nine percent of California counties have roads that are in "poor" or "at-risk" condition, and 1,600 of our bridges and overpasses are structurally deficient and unsafe.

Proposition 6 would eliminate more than \$5 billion annually in existing transportation funds and jeopardize more than 6,500 bridge and road safety, transportation and public transit improvement projects currently underway.

The vital projects Proposition 6 would eliminate include: 3,727 projects fixing potholes and repaving roads; 1,571 projects dedicated to improving road and driver safety; 554 bridge and overpass repair and replacement projects; 337 traffic congestion relief projects; 453 projects improving public transportation.

Proposition 6 will force many projects to be eliminated, making roads less safe.

The initiative would eliminate other projects that make a difference for safety, such as better striping for improved visibility, safety guardrails and more flashing signs and rumble strips.

Another harmful consequence is that bad roads lead to worse emergency response times.

The California Association of Highway Patrolmen, the California Professional Firefighters Association and other public safety organizations oppose Proposition 6.

More than 250 public safety organizations, engineers, local transportation agencies, cities, counties, environmental groups, business and labor organizations have joined to say No on 6.

Eighty-one percent of voters showed their wisdom by passing Proposition 69. That measure ensures that transportation funds will get spent on transportation and will prevent politicians from diverting the money for other purposes.

Why do I feel so strongly about defeating Proposition 6? I spent 30 years on the CHP with so many hardworking, dedicated first responders. I refuse to just sit by and watch the transportation infrastructure that my loved ones, my colleagues and the public use every day be attacked by politicians working for their own gain.

Public safety should never be used as a political football. That's why I am voting "no" on Proposition 6.

Skip Carter is a former California Highway Patrol deputy commissioner. He wrote this commentary for CALmatters.

Other Views

SACRAMENTO

Required vote for local tax increases in legal limbo

By Dan Walters
CALmatters

California's booming economy is pouring many billions of additional tax dollars into state and local government treasuries. Nevertheless, the locals — cities and school districts, especially — find themselves in an ever-tightening fiscal vise because mandatory payments into public employee pension funds are growing much faster than revenues.

That's why dozens of them are asking their voters this year to approve new taxes, although they typically, for political reasons, don't specify pensions as the reason.

Laws governing those tax elections, however, are in a state of legal flux.

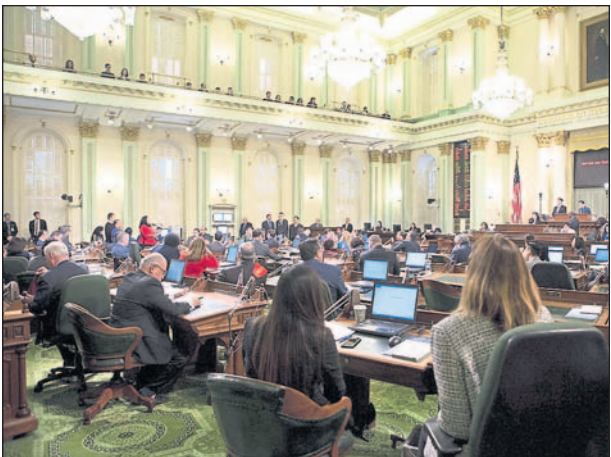
The state constitution separates local tax proposals into those meant for general purposes and those for specially designated purposes. It allows simple majority voter ap-

proval of the former and requires two-thirds voter approval for the latter.

Last year, the state Supreme Court shook up those provisions, implying in a Southern California marijuana case that if special purpose tax measures are placed on the ballot by initiative petition, rather than by the local governments themselves, the two-thirds vote threshold might not apply.

The ruling was not definitive, but ever since it was issued, those in the cloistered world of local government finance have speculated about its potential effects. Everyone's been waiting for a test case and it might be a special property-related tax approved by San Francisco voters on June 5.

Measure C, placed on the ballot by an initiative petition sponsored by members of the city's Board of Supervisors and approved by 51 percent of its voters, imposes a 3.5 percent tax on local com-



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mercial rents, such as office buildings, and a 1 percent tax on warehouse rents.

Entitled "Universal Childcare for San Francisco Families," the measure dedicates tax proceeds to child care and early childhood education.

Commercial property owners and the Howard

Jarvis Taxpayers Association sued, contending that Measure C is clearly a special tax, since its proceeds are designated for one purpose, and thereby needed a two-thirds vote.

It's evident that tax sponsors see it as a way of converting the Supreme Court's earlier implication into rock-solid case law,

thus making it easier to enact new local taxes. And just as clearly, Jarvis and other plaintiffs in the suit see it as a potential erosion of the constitution's two-thirds vote requirement for special taxes.

Thus, the die appears to be cast for a legal showdown. But wait, as the TV peddlers say, there's more.

As the San Francisco suit was being launched, the state Supreme Court issued another ruling regarding a pension reform initiative sponsored by former San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders in 2012 and overwhelmingly approved by the city's voters.

City employee unions waged a legal battle to overturn the measure and won a ruling by the state Public Employee Relations Board that said Sanders was acting as a city official when he sponsored the initiative, not as an ordinary citizen.

Therefore, the board said, as mayor, Sanders was legally obligated un-

der state labor law to "meet and confer" with unions on something that affected their members' compensation. The Supreme Court upheld the board's ruling.

Logically, if Sanders was under that legal obligation as an official, then members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors also were acting officially, and not as ordinary citizens, when they sponsored Measure C. If so, they were placing a special tax on the ballot that would require a two-thirds vote.

Logic does not always prevail in legal battles, but the outcome of this one will reverberate for decades to come.

Cartoonist's take



RICK SIERS — THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

IMMIGRATION

McCain knew many immigrants work harder than Americans

By Ruben Navarrette Jr.

SAN DIEGO » In tribute to John McCain, this Labor Day weekend I'm serving up straight talk about the American work ethic.

McCain was, of course, an early champion of comprehensive immigration reform — including a path to earned citizenship for some undocumented immigrants.

The Arizona senator had a powerful ally on his side: reality. Protesters would get in his face and challenge his claim that illegal immigrants do jobs that American citizens wouldn't take.

Fed up, McCain at one point gave an audience a personal offer. The senator told them: "I'll offer anybody here \$50 an hour if you'll go pick lettuce in Yuma ... and pick for the whole season. So, OK, sign up!" There wasn't exactly a flood of applications.

Today, in the agricultural hub of Central California, farmers tell me they're paying \$30 per hour to pick tomatoes and \$40 per hour to pick melons. On the coast, they're paying \$60 per hour to pick avocados. They still can't find enough workers.

Is this the glorious American work ethic that we're all celebrating this weekend?

Setting aside one day a year to honor the nation's workers by not working — and instead engaging in leisure activities such as barbecuing and going to the beach — seems bizarre. This is especially true when there is a labor shortage and more vacant jobs than there are people who are willing and able to do them.

Remember just a few years ago when people used

to say there were no jobs and that no one was hiring? Look around your town. When have you ever seen so many "Help Wanted" signs? Restaurants, dry cleaners, florists, drugstores. They all need employees.

Who's going to do those jobs? Probably not your kid. The percentage of teenagers with summer jobs was this year at an all-time low.

Given that we're raising another generation of children with a poor work ethic, and who often think they're entitled to a free ride through life, I propose we change the name of the holiday to what it really signifies: "Parental Failure Day."

When have you ever heard a politician say that? It doesn't take guts to tell a roomful of voters that Mexico is invading the United States. What takes guts is telling people they stink at parenting.

When I hear Americans try to justify why they're not taking this job or that one, it always boils down to money. Some jobs are just not worth our time, it seems.

A lot of people insist that employers overlook U.S. workers so they can hire foreign laborers — either low skilled or high skilled — because supposedly they're cheaper.

Rubbish. Talk to a human resources manager, and they'll set you straight. Not only do immigrant and foreign workers have the same cost-of-living expenses as U.S.-born workers, the former often cost the employer more money at the beginning because of the price of visas.

How many journalists go out and talk to employers to get their side of the story? I

do. I hear from employers all the time — at speeches, in my inbox and at worksites.

What I hear does not speak well for American workers.

Employers tell me that American workers fail drug tests, show up to work late, rush out at quitting time, pretend to be sick when they want to ditch, refuse to do certain jobs, and generally act like they're doing the employer a favor just by clocking in.

One small business owner told me that when she hired American workers, the first thing they asked about was salary and time off. With immigrants, all they wanted to know was how much work they could get. Who do you think she preferred to hire?

As for the critics who used to hound McCain, the senator got the last laugh.

By 2007, Jon Kyl, his fellow Arizona senator, had joined the fight for immigration reform. And before long, both of them were having their Senate offices in Phoenix picketed.

I saw a video of one memorable encounter. Clearly stung by McCain's challenge to put up or shut up, one group showed up at his office holding heads of lettuce. "See, we can pick lettuce too," said one of the protesters.

They were handsome heads of lettuce, too. In fact, they looked so pristine, I assumed they came from a produce aisle instead of a field.

I bet that spectacle made McCain grin. And, in his honor, it should make the rest of us think.

Ruben Navarrette is a syndicated columnist.

HEARINGS BEGIN

Final questions for Supreme Court nominee Kavanaugh

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON » Four decades ago, New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, an intellectual Democrat, observed with amazement and regret that Republicans had become the party of ideas. Today, many of America's most interesting arguments divide conservatives. One concerns the judiciary's role in the supervision of democracy: Should judges be, as Oliver Wendell Holmes and Robert Bork believed, deferential to majorities, or should judges be engaged in limiting majorities in the name of liberty? Another intramural conservative debate is whether "originalism" is sufficient as a method of construing the Constitution. So, Brett Kavanaugh's Senate interrogators might usefully ask:

"Originalists" say the text should be construed by discerning the public meaning of its words when they were written. The 1866 Congress that drafted the 14th Amendment's guarantee of "equal protection of the law" continued to fund racially segregated schools in the District of Columbia, which Congress controlled. Yet the 1954 Brown decision held that segregation violated that guarantee. Can originalists defend the court's reasoning in Brown? How might the court have better reached the Brown result?

When the 14th Amendment was ratified, 32 of the 37 states had laws criminalizing sodomy. Can originalists defend the court's 2003 ruling that such laws violate this amendment's "due process" guarantee?

The Eighth Amendment proscribes "cruel and unusual" punishments. But punishments contemporaneous with the ratification of this amendment included branding, pillorying, whipping and mutilation. Would originalism allow these?

Holmes said: "I don't care what intention was. I only want to know what the words mean." But can the meaning of words be severed from the intentions of those who use them?

Abraham Lincoln said the Declaration of Independence is the "apple of gold" that is "framed" by something "silver": the Constitution. Silver is less precious than gold; frames serve what they frame. Do you believe that the Constitution's authors intended their words to advance what the Declaration began — the securing of natural rights? Do you agree (as the Goldwater Institute's Timothy Sandefur argues) that the Declaration is logically as well as chronologically prior to the Constitution: The Declaration "sets the framework for reading" the Constitution as a charter for government "instituted" to "secure" pre-existing rights?

When the First Congress debated what became the Bill of Rights, a member questioned why the drafters enumerated only certain rights. Massachusetts Rep. Theodore Sedgwick replied: "They might have gone into a very lengthy enumeration of rights; they might have declared that a man should have a right to wear his hat if he pleased; that he might get up when he pleased, and go to bed when he thought proper, but (I) would ask the gentleman whether he thought it necessary to enter these trifles in a declaration of rights, under a government where none of them were intended to be infringed." By what principles do you determine what rights are neither trifles nor enumerated?

Justice Clarence Thomas says, "We as a nation adopted a written Constitution precisely because it has a fixed meaning that does not change." Can you cite an important constitutional provision (certainly not the regulation of interstate commerce, or the establishment of religion, or government taking private property for "public use," or the prohibition of "cruel and unusual punishments") the meaning of which today is the same as the public meaning when the provision was ratified?

Bork said "the central problem of constitutional law" is: "Our political ethos is majoritarian, but the Supreme Court, with the power to strike down laws democratically enacted, is counter-majoritarian." Others, however, say that majority rule is a process; the purpose of America's collective existence is an outcome, a condition: liberty, which the process can threaten. What say you?

Sandefur argues that the Fifth and 14th Amendments' guarantees of "due process of law" are not purely about process. Rather, the adjective "due" modifies the noun "process" by giving it the following substance: Due process produces an outcome that is not arbitrary as measured by criteria inherent in the concept of law — generality, fairness and rationality understood as a cost-efficient means to a legitimate government end.

Finally, University of Chicago and New York University professor Richard Epstein says the Constitution's architecture — separation of powers, checks and balances, federalism, guarantees of individual rights — implies a "presumption of error": The architecture intentionally slows the political process because government interventions in society's spontaneous order are presumptively of dubious legitimacy because government is presumed to be not disinterested but serving factional interests, or its own. Discuss.

George Will is a columnist for the Washington Post.

RARE ADMISSION

Coalition says airstrike killed Yemeni children last month

By Sudarsan Raghavan
The Washington Post

CAIRO » In a rare admission, a U.S.-backed Saudi-led coalition accepted responsibility Saturday for an airstrike last month on a school bus in northern Yemen that killed scores of people, including at least 40 children.

The statement by the coalition called the attack unjustified and vowed to punish those involved.

The coalition said an internal investigation had “concluded that there were mistakes made in abiding by the rules of engagement.” The coalition expressed “regret for these mistakes, and

offers its condolences and solidarity with the families of the victims and wishes for a speedy recovery for the injured.”

The apology was as striking as it was unique in a conflict that has now entered its fourth year, where the Saudi-led coalition is seeking to oust Houthi rebels and restore Yemen’s internationally recognized government.

More than 17,000 civilians have been killed or injured since the war began, mostly by airstrikes, deepening the world’s worst humanitarian crisis where millions are suffering from hunger, disease and displacement.

The concession followed

mounting pressure by the United States and its allies for the coalition to fulfill promises to better protect civilian lives. Last week, the United Nations released a scathing report accusing all parties — but particularly citing coalition airstrikes — of possibly committing war crimes in Yemen. The coalition rejected the report’s findings.

Hours after the report’s release, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis publicly declared that continued military support to its allies in Yemen “is not unconditional” and hinged on improved efforts to avoid civilian casualties.

The Pentagon has been

assisting the coalition with refueling warplanes, intelligence sharing and billions of dollars in weapon sales.

The apology also comes ahead of U.N. sponsored negotiations in Geneva next week involving all the parties in Yemen, marking the first effort to bring an end to the conflict in more than two years.

The coalition had initially claimed that the Aug. 9 airstrike in Saada Province was “a legitimate military action” against Houthi rebels who fired a ballistic missile into a border city in southwestern Saudi Arabia a day earlier. The missile attack left one civilian killed and

11 wounded, the coalition said. It also claimed the rebels were using children as human shields.

Speaking to reporters in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, Lt. Gen. Mansour al-Mansour, a legal adviser for the coalition’s internal investigations body, said intelligence had indicated that the bus was carrying rebel leaders, which would have made it a legitimate target.

But delays in executing the attack led to the civilian casualties, describing them as “collateral damage.” Witnesses on the ground said the bus was carrying children returning from a summer school trip.

The coalition said it would begin the legal process to “hold those who committed mistakes” accountable and also made plans to compensate the Yemeni victims. It further pledged to do a better job in preventing civilian deaths.

“The coalition will continue to review the rules of engagement, and seek to improve it in ways that can ensure those mistakes are not repeated in accordance with lessons learned from previous operations,” the statement read.

The Washington Post’s Kareem Fahim in Istanbul contributed to this report.

Walk

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tion, Jackson recreated the walk home from school that seemed like an adventure to him but a nightmare for his parents.

Guided by two landmarks he recognized, a church steeple and an abandoned tower, he followed what ended up being a circuitous journey from the hills to the flatlands, past a boarded-up house, vacant lots, two liquor stores and across six lanes of traffic.

“I know this way,” he said proudly as he made his first turn onto D Street. “This is the way my mommy drove me.”

He raced ahead — of his parents, a reporter and a photographer — jumping over tree stumps, tiptoeing through ice plant.

Jackson is an energetic and joyful boy. He bounces as he walks. He skips. He hums. He peeks through holes in fences, and when he gets to a corner, he stops and looks both ways. On D Street, a mostly residential, busy street with a double yellow stripe down the middle, he walked one-and-a-half miles straight down the hill. Cars streaked past even as he re-enacted the journey at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, after his parents finished work and the sun began to set.

When the sidewalk disappeared, he navigated a narrow gravel path, careful to stay out of traffic.

“Mom! Dad! This is where I saw this!” he said, crouching down and pointing to shattered glass from a car window piled on the edge of the curb.

In a few more blocks, he passed an old brown couch, then three more lined up along a driveway.

A few unsavory-looking characters passed by Thursday evening, but who knows who Jackson might have encountered along the way home on Monday? He says he spoke to no one.

For better or for worse, even that is bewildering to his parents.

“They got out of school early. No other kids were walking around,” his mother said. “You see this little boy walking with his backpack and nobody says anything. Nobody stops. Nothing.”

But it didn’t seem to bother Jackson. Was he scared? “Nope,” he said.

It’s one thing to drive to school — with Jackson buckled in the back seat — as the Kirbys have for years with Jackson’s older siblings. But walking the route themselves on Thursday evening — past vacant lots with empty beer bottles, dense bushes where people could have been hiding, bridges over homeless camps — only heightened their anxiety and anger at the school for letting him slip away.

“They act like everything is OK because he made it home safely,” Duana said.

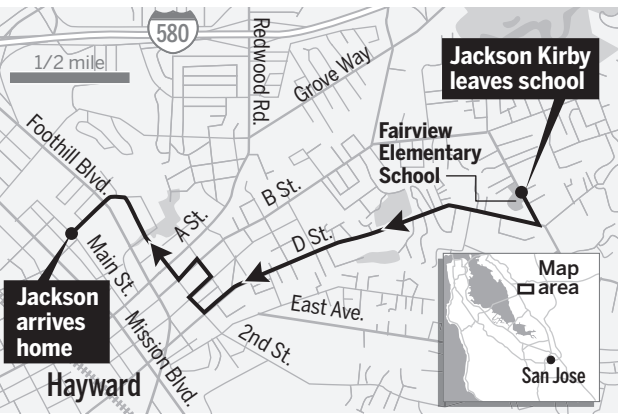
The school, she said, never called her to say their son was missing. Jackson did. An hour after classes let out at 12:20 p.m., he called his mom from home. Stunned, she rushed back to the apartment on the edge of downtown Hayward, then called the school. School administrators didn’t even know he was gone, she said.

Hayward School District officials remained tight-lipped Friday. They issued a statement earlier in the



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Jackson Kirby, 5, stands at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and City Center Drive, blocks from his home in Hayward. Jackson used landmarks he recognized — a church steeple and an abandoned tower — to find his way home from school.



week saying that they are treating the incident “very seriously,” that safety and security are “our highest priority,” and that they are “investigating to determine what steps need to be taken to ensure that this does not happen again.”

Jackson’s mother said an aide was supposed to escort him and some classmates to the after-school program on Monday. But Jackson was in the bathroom, and the aide apparently left without him. When he returned, the classroom was empty — so he started his walk home.

On Friday, district spokeswoman Dionicia Ramos said she couldn’t confirm the details of the Kirbys’ account, saying “the entire sequence of events is being investigated, so I don’t have additional information to share.”

Larry and Duana both work full time for the U.S. Postal Service. Jackson is the youngest of their four children and, like many Bay Area families, their lives are a hectic mix of daily activities and a carefully orchestrated patchwork of supervision. Duana drops the three youngest kids off at school in the morning, and by 5:30 p.m., Jackson’s older cousin picks them up at the after-school program on campus. Their grandmother, who lives with the family, is home when they arrive. The parents are home for family dinner an hour later. They’re not supposed to worry when the kids are in school.

The Kirbys consider themselves strict parents and don’t let the kids play beyond the driveway. They allow their eldest to walk a mile home from high school, but she is 14 and 5-foot-9. Jackson is 3-foot-9 and not old enough to read street signs.

But he knows the big white tower in the center of downtown Hayward. It’s just a few long blocks from home, and he sees it

from nearly every window. It’s the old City Hall, abandoned and fenced off after it was damaged by the 1989 earthquake. At 11 stories high, the white concrete building with ribbons of black windows is still the tallest in town.

“It’s right there!” Jackson pointed out during his re-enactment Thursday. “The ones with the stripes. I saw it and I kept walking.”

Child abductions always have been rare. But one of the most notorious child kidnappings in the Bay Area occurred just 7 miles away in south Hayward — the 1988 abduction of 9-year-old Michaela Garecht from a grocery store parking lot when she was riding her scooter home with a friend. She has not been found.

Still, parents yearn for the romanticized days of their own childhoods, when they remember walking home from school and not worrying about predators. Should the fact that Jackson made it home safely reassure us that we shouldn’t have to worry so much?

Jackson wouldn’t know.



Duana Kirby stops to give her son Jackson some water Thursday while re-enacting the journey he took to get home.

He was busy skipping ahead, exploring the streets of Hayward on Thursday night.

“Thank God he made it home,” said Craig Hall, who spotted Jackson parading down D Street on Thursday night, followed closely by a photographer. He had seen his story on the news. “If I had seen him, I would have done something.”

Farther down the road, an 84-year-old man who spends most days swinging in the hammock in his front yard said he didn’t see Jackson on Monday either. Neither, apparently, did the woman who sells fruit on D Street.

It doesn’t appear anyone noticed as he passed by the Grande Market on D Street, or when he crossed mid-block to follow the steeple on top of All Saints Catholic Church, another landmark he recognized from his morning rides to school. No one apparently questioned him as he passed R & H Liquor store on Second Street. No one at Subway or Supercuts, no one at Citibank or

Wells Fargo or IHop or the Sunshine Center Cleaners. Was the boy alone? Did he need help home? Apparently, no one asked.

Jackson had no cellphone, no GPS device in his backpack. When he lost sight of the white striped tower, he headed in what must have seemed like the general direction, which took him a few blocks out of the way. He turned right at the purple graffiti sprayed on a fence at C Street. “I found it!” he called to his parents. Down the block, he turned left on Third, then crossed B Street and went left, returning to Second Street.

As letter carriers, both his parents have walked this route from time to time. They pointed out where a pit bull is usually chained up on a front porch and where they’ve seen discarded drug needles, though they weren’t obvious Thursday evening.

“He doesn’t know the gravity of what could have happened,” said dad Larry, 54.

Duana lagged somewhat behind as Jackson kept up his quick pace. She shook her head and covered her mouth.

“Lord knows how many people could be hiding somewhere, people driving by and turning around and following him,” she said. “That’s what keeps playing in my head.”

But those dangers didn’t seem to concern Jackson as he snaked along a fire lane, between a real estate building and an old parking garage and behind the blocked off and abandoned white tower.

“Oh my God, there’s no telling what could have been back there,” she said, tears running down her cheeks.

They ducked under a chain crossing the old driveway entrance to the now-shuttered city hall, headed out to Civic Center Drive and the final stretch home.

“He knows where he is now,” his father said.

But he would have to make the most dangerous crossing yet — six lanes of speeding traffic on Foothill Boulevard, just a few blocks from the Interstate 580 onramp. Again, Jackson pushed the traffic signal button and waited for the light to turn green.

He passed the gas station and the site of the demolished Mervyn’s store, then marched up to his home at the next rise.

“Our house is right there, Daddy,” he said.

He looked both ways at Main Street. “Cross, cross, cross. Go, go go!” he said as he darted across the street. “I made it!”

The three siblings were home with their grandmother. The lights were on.

Jackson scampered up the wooden staircase to the second-floor apartment, took off his bright red sneakers and walked inside. Hanging in the entrance hall was a placard listing the “Kirby Family Rules.” They include sharing, listening to one another, and saying please and thank you. “Be kind. Respect each other. Do your best. Give lots of hugs and kisses.”

Duana took a deep breath and sat down at the dining room table. The tears welled up again. Since Monday, she has been leaving work at noon to personally escort Jackson to his after-school care. She’s going to continue until she’s confident he’s safe.

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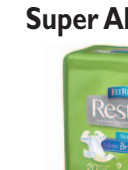





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ELECTION CYBERSECURITY



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From left, a Facebook posting from a group named Being Patriotic attributed to Russian agents by the U.S. House Intelligence Committee; Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri, whose campaign was targeted by Russian hackers; and voting machines in Chicago after hackers got into the voter registration database in Illinois.

Assessing chances Russia will interfere

By Frank Bajak and Adam Geller
The Associated Press

Nearly a year after Russian government hackers meddled in the 2016 U.S. election, researchers at cybersecurity firm Trend Micro zeroed in on a new sign of trouble: a group of suspect websites.

The sites mimicked a portal used by U.S. senators and their staffs, with easy-to-miss discrepancies. Emails to Senate users urged them to reset their passwords — an apparent attempt to steal them.

Once again, hackers on the outside of the American political system were probing for a way in.

“Their attack methods continue to take advantage of human nature, and when you get into an election cycle, the targets are very public,” said Mark Nunnikhoven, vice president of cloud research at Trend Micro.

Now the U.S. has entered a new election cycle. And the attempt to infiltrate the Senate network, linked to hackers aligned with Russia and brought to public attention in July, is a reminder of the risks and the difficulty of assessing them.

Newly reported attempts at infiltration and social media manipulation — which Moscow officially denies — point to Russia’s continued interest in meddling in U.S. politics. There is no clear evidence, experts said, of efforts by the Kremlin specifically designed to disrupt elections in November. But it wouldn’t take much to cause turmoil.

“It’s not a question of whether somebody is going to try to breach the system, to manipulate the system, to influence the system,” Robby Mook, who managed Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign and co-directs a Harvard University project to protect democracy from cyberattacks, said in an interview earlier this year. “The question is: Are we prepared for it?”

Three areas of attack

Online targeting of the U.S. political system has come on three fronts — efforts to get inside political campaigns and institutions and expose damaging information; probes of electoral systems, potentially to alter voter data and results; and fake ads and accounts on social media used to spread disinformation and fan divisions among Americans.

In recent weeks, Microsoft reported that it had disabled six Russian-launched websites masquerading as U.S. think tanks and Senate sites. Facebook and the security firm FireEye revealed influence campaigns, originating in Iran and Russia, that led the social network to remove 652 impostor accounts, some targeted at Americans. The office of Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania said hackers tied to a “nation-state” had sent phishing emails to old campaign email accounts.

U.S. officials said they have not detected any attempts to corrupt election systems or leak information rivaling Kremlin hacking before Donald Trump’s surprise 2016 victory.

Still, “we fully realize that we are just one click away of the keyboard from a similar situation repeating itself,” Dan Coats, the director of national intelligence, said in July.

Michael McFaul, the architect of the Obama administration’s Russia policy, has said he believes Russian President Vladimir Putin perceives little benefit in a major disruption effort this year, preferring to keep his powder dry for the 2020 presidential contest.

But even if the upcoming elections escape disruption, that hardly means the U.S. is in the clear.

Trump’s decision in May to eliminate the post of White House cybersecurity coordinator confirmed his lack of interest in countering Russian meddling, critics say. Congress has not delivered any legislation to combat election interference or disinformation. Last month, a review of the bipartisan “Secure Elections Act” was canceled after Republican leaders registered objections, congressional staffers said.

The risks extend beyond the midterms.

“The biggest question is going to be how are you going to make sure that people actually trust the results, because democracy relies on credibility,” said Ben Nimmo, a researcher at the Atlantic Council. “It’s not over after November.”

Take stock

Experts said it is too late to safeguard U.S. voting systems and campaigns this election cycle. But with two months to go,

there is time enough to take stock of the Russian-sponsored interference that has come to light so far — and to assess the risks of what we don’t know.

In mid-2016, hackers found a way into the voter registration database at the Illinois State Board of Elections and spent three weeks poking around. After the breach was discovered, officials said the infiltrators had downloaded the records of up to 90,000 voters.

It’s not clear that anything nefarious was done with those records. But when special counsel Robert Mueller charged a dozen Russian intelligence agents with hacking this July, the indictment clarified the potential for damage. The hackers had, in fact, stolen information on 500,000 voters, including dates of birth and partial Social Security numbers.

“The internet allows foreign adversaries to attack Americans in new and unexpected ways,” Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein said, in announcing the indictments.

The Illinois hack is the most notable case of foreign tampering with U.S. election systems to come to light. There has been no evidence of efforts to change voter information or tamper with voting machines, though experts caution hackers might have planted unseen malware in far-flung election systems that could be triggered later.

Potential problems are not limited to Illinois.

A week before the 2016 general election, Russian intelligence agents sent spear-phishing emails to 122 local elections officials who were customers of VR Systems, a Tallahassee, Florida-based election software vendor.

In addition to Illinois, at least 20 other state systems were probed by the same Russian military unit that targeted VR’s customers, federal officials said.

“My unofficial opinion is that we’re kind of fooling ourselves if we don’t think that they tried to at least make a pass at all 50 states,” said Christopher Krebs, the undersecretary for critical infrastructure at the Department of Homeland Security.

In June 2017, the federal Election Assistance Commission informed dozens of local voting officials that hackers had attempted to penetrate the systems of a voting system manufacturer, presumed by many to be VR.

“Attempts have been made to obtain voting equipment, security information and in general to probe for vulnerabilities,” the EAC wrote officials.

Despite those concerns, federal officials have moved slowly to share intelligence with officials who supervise elections. As of mid-August, 92 state officials had been given clearances.

Candidates can’t worry about it

Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri is plenty busy this fall as she seeks reelection in a state that voted overwhelmingly for Trump. So when an attempt by Russian hackers to infiltrate her campaign came to light in July, she acknowledged it only briefly.

“While this attack was not successful, it is outrageous that they think they can get away with this,” McCaskill said. “I will not be intimidated. I’ve said it before and I will say it again, Putin is a thug and a bully.”

The failed hack, which included an attempt to steal the password of at least one McCaskill staffer through a fake Senate login website identified by Microsoft, is the most notable instance of attempted campaign meddling by Russia made public this year. Microsoft executives said recently that the company had detected attempts by Russia’s GRU military intelligence agency to hack two senators. One was presumably McCaskill, but the other has not been identified.

The group behind that attempt, Fancy Bear, is the same one indicted July 13 and identified by Microsoft as the creator of fake websites targeting the Hudson Institute and the International Republican Institute, frequent critics of the Kremlin. Since the summer of 2017, Fancy Bear has aggressively targeted political groups, universities, law enforcement agencies and anti-corruption nonprofits in the U.S. and elsewhere, according to TrendMicro.

“Russian hackers appear to be broadening their target set, but I think tying it to the midterm elections is pure speculation at this point,” said Michael Connell, an analyst at the federally funded Center for Naval Analyses in Arlington, Virginia.

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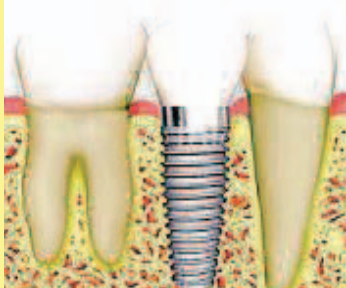
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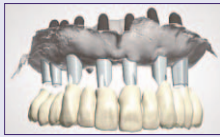
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Democratic gubernatorial candidate feeling the heat

By Gary Fineout
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. » Andrew Gillum, who engineered a surprising upset victory in Florida's Democratic primary this week, is picking up endorsements, money and plenty of national attention in the aftermath of his win. But as the Tallahassee mayor mounts his bid to become Florida's first black governor, he is already coming under swift attack from Republican opponents who are trying to use a slow-moving corruption investigation into Tallahassee city government to portray Gillum as untrustworthy.

The investigation broke into the open last summer shortly after Gillum joined the race, but it was not extensively debated or discussed by his Democratic opponents before he won Tuesday's primary. But by Thursday, the Republican Governor's Association launched a digital ad that blasted Gillum. It focused on both the City Hall probe and an earlier incident in which Gillum paid back the city after he used city money to buy software that was used to send out campaign emails. Likewise, the campaign of U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis, who won the GOP primary, is also trying to draw attention to the investigation. The 39-year-old Gillum — who will appear on NBC's "Meet the Press" and CNN's "State of the Union" today — contends he is ready for the onslaught of attacks that have just begun to ramp up.

"A lot of people counted us out, they thought we would completely surrender under all the innuendo and the pressure of the moment," said Gillum this week. "I spoke directly to voters. I answered their questions. ... It wasn't as if those voters weren't aware of all the issues that were swirling."

The first public knowledge of the FBI probe came in June 2017 when a federal grand jury subpoenaed five years of records from Tallahassee and a local redevelopment agency that involved high-profile projects and developers, including an ally of Gillum. In February, a federal search warrant was accidentally made public on a court website. It detailed that the FBI launched its corruption inves-



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Florida Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum is under fire from Republicans because of a corruption investigation.

tigation in 2015 and that agents posed as out-of-town real-estate developers and medical marijuana entrepreneurs in order to gain access to various city officials. The warrant stated that agents were focusing on City Commissioner Scott Maddox, a former head of the Florida Democratic Party, and his former chief of staff and whether Maddox was paid to help out businesses seeking help from the city. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Earlier this summer, the FBI asked for thousands of more records, dealing primarily with The Edison, an upscale restaurant frequented by lawmakers and lobbyists that is located in a city-owned building. The Edison received \$2 million in financial assistance from both the city and the local community redevelopment agency.

One of the owners of the restaurant was lobbyist Adam Corey, who once served as Gillum's campaign treasurer and has known him since college. Gillum says he has talked to the FBI and that he is not the target of an investigation. He also has told local news outlets that he has broken off his friendship with Corey.

As the investigation has moved along, The Tallahassee Democrat has done a series of stories delving

into the web of connections and has reported that Gillum vacationed at a luxury resort in Costa Rica in May 2016 with Corey and another investor in The Edison who is also a Gillum donor and campaign supporter. During that trip, Corey set up a meeting between Gillum and the FBI undercover agents. Local media have also reported on a trip Gillum took to New York where he also met with Corey and undercover agents and attended a showing of the Broadway show "Hamilton." Both the New York and Costa Rica trips are now being probed by Florida's ethics commission after a local businessman filed complaints against Gillum. Christopher Kise, an attorney for Corey, said his client is not a target of the FBI investigation, but he declined to say if Corey has testified to a grand jury or if he is cooperating. He said he did not know why Gillum has distanced himself from his longtime friend.

"It appears the mayor is throwing Mr. Corey under the bus and I'm not sure why," Kise said. "Adam has always considered the mayor a friend."

The seemingly glacial path of the FBI investigation has led to ongoing speculation of when, or if, indictments will be announced and who will be the eventual target of any charges.

"I'm still wondering what they are looking for," said City Commissioner Gil Ziffer. "I'm not quite sure where all this goes."

Gillum insists that he is cooperating with the FBI and says he wants anyone who broke the law to be "fully held accountable for their actions." He said that's a big difference between him and DeSantis, who has emerged on national television as a harsh critic of the ongoing investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller into Russia's interference in U.S. elections and whether President Donald Trump or his close allies colluded with Russia.

"In DeSantis' case, he and the president have worked at every turn to undermine the FBI," Gillum said. "They tried to squelch the work of that agency."

Associated Press Writer Brendan Farrington contributed to this report.

CAMPAIGN TACTICS

Racist calls mock Gillum

By The Associated Press

Racist phone calls mocking Florida's black Democratic gubernatorial nominee appear to be from a white supremacist podcast that has also taken credit for inflammatory robocalls in Iowa and California.

In the recorded calls, someone falsely identifying himself as Andrew Gillum speaks in a racist, old-time minstrel dialect while asking voters for their support. The calls, which according to the Gillum campaign started Friday, are said to be paid for by The Road to Power — an Idaho-based video podcast.

"This is reprehensible — and could only have come from someone with intentions to fuel hatred and seek publicity," Gillum campaign spokesman Geoff Burgan said in a statement. Burgan said it's unclear how widespread the calls have been, but that he's only heard reports of them in Tallahassee, where Gillum is mayor.

Gillum's Republican opponent, U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis, is not affiliated with the podcast behind the calls. His campaign spokesman, Stephen Lawson, called them "absolutely appalling and disgusting."

"And hopefully whoever is behind this has to answer for this despicable action," Lawson said in a statement.

Florida's gubernatorial contest was racially charged even before the robocalls. During an appearance on Fox News after Tuesday's primaries, DeSantis called Gillum — who is seeking to become Florida's first black governor — an "articulate" candidate, but said "the last thing we need to do is to monkey this up by trying to embrace a socialist agenda with huge tax increases and bankrupting this state." DeSantis' campaign later said the congressman was not referring to Gillum's policies, not himself personally.

In Iowa, anti-immigrant robocalls from The Road to Power began Tuesday — two days after the funeral of Mollie Tibbetts, a University of Iowa student who authorities say was abducted and killed by a man believed to be in the U.S. illegally.

In California, The Road to Power took credit for anti-Semitic robocalls targeting Democratic U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier in July. DeSaulnier's Republican opponent, John Fitzgerald, a Holocaust denier, wrote a July 11 post on his campaign website condemning the calls.



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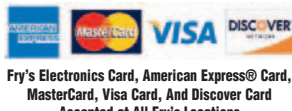


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SCHOOL SCHEDULES

State considers later start times

Some local districts say the change would be a headache to implement, and there are concerns about working families’ child care arrangements

By Annie Sciacca
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Many middle and high schools in the Bay Area eventually will have to change their class schedules to start later in the morning if a bill passed by the California Legislature late Friday night is signed by the governor. Senate Bill 328 would prevent middle and high schools from starting classes until at least 8:30 a.m. Numerous districts start the regular

school day some time between 8 and 8:30 a.m. Supporters say the argument for later start times is students’ health. Children who have to wake up really early for class lose valuable sleep, they say. But opponents of the bill, including the California Teachers Association, counter that class schedules should be left to local control and a one-size-fits-all approach is not good. The bill calls for the new start

times to be implemented no later than July 1, 2021 or the date when a school district’s collective bargaining agreement effective as of Jan. 2, 2019 expires — whichever is later. Some local districts say the change would create a headache, especially when it comes to setting up a bus schedule that works for elementary schools that share buses such as east Contra Costa County’s Liberty Union High School District, where classes

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LAURA A. ODA — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Cars are lined up as students arrive to school during the morning dropoff at Morello Park Elementary School in Martinez in 2017.

ENTHUSIASM INTERRUPTED

San Jose’s favorite fountain falters

Just in time for Labor Day weekend, the fountain at Plaza de Cesar Chavez finally was flowing again after being out of commission all year. For about a day. The fountain has been a favorite attraction for families, especially during warm summer months when kids could be seen frolicking on hot days among the jets that sent geysers of water shooting into the air. Carolina Camarena, spokeswoman for the city’s Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services department, said in an email that an ultraviolet filter that keeps the water clean wasn’t working optimally, shutting down the whole system. There’s no estimate on when repairs will be completed for this issue, which is only the latest problem for the fountain. A malfunctioning valve flooded the fountain’s underground vault — which contains pumps and other equipment — over the winter. As a result, power to the fountain had to be shut down so repairs could be made. Once that was done, PG&E needed to restore the electricity and that wasn’t as simple as flipping a light switch. The work was expected to be done in mid-July, but it was delayed for a



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ALAMEDA COUNTY

Scottish Games pack star power and Pleasanton fairgrounds

By Robert Salonga
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PLEASANTON » The 153rd Scottish Highland Gathering and Games has everything you could hope for from a literal reading of the event name for the two-day cultural and athletic festival. Flying telephone poles and hammers? Yup. The steady harmony of bagpipes? You got it. Mountains? Check. Actually, make that Mountain, singular. The Alameda County Fairgrounds hosts the event through Sunday, and by the end of the weekend, it is expected to draw upward of 50,000 spectators and participants from around the world. For Hayward resident Jeni Fernando, the games top her list of festivals in the Bay Area, a region known for housing a healthy number of the shindigs. She admits, though, that the deck is somewhat stacked. “I have a thing for kilts,” Fernando said. “This is just different from all the other fairs.” Her companion, Joyce Quinn, said she gravitates toward the athletic competitions, which consist primarily of throwing heavy objects as far or as high as they can muster. “I want to see the games, and I love bagpipes,” Quinn said. Indeed, entire portions of the expansive grounds are dedicated to competitions that draw athletes from locales near and far, spanning San Jose and the East Coast, and extending to Scotland and the Czech Republic. Dorothy McHugh, a Pittsburgh resident — the one in Pennsylvania, not by the Delta — flew in to join her daughter Kathy Peterson, who herself traveled from Reno to attend the festivities. The bar was set pretty high



PHOTOS BY ANDA CHU — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Haftor Bjornsson, who plays the villain Gregor Clegane in “Game of Thrones,” takes photos with fans during an autograph session at the 153rd Scottish Highland Gathering & Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Saturday.

for McHugh when she waited in a line of more than 100 people to get a picture taken with Haftor Bjornsson, famed for his TV role as Gregor “The Mountain” Clegane in the HBO juggernaut “Game of Thrones.” Bjornsson swiftly picked her up like a bag of flour. A small one. “I just can’t believe he’s so big,” McHugh said of Bjornsson, who stands 6-foot-9 and hovers around 400 pounds. “I’ve never even watched the show! And this is my first time here!” Bjornsson, who appeared at the local games three years ago, said he enjoyed the energy and atmosphere, and camaraderie with people, adding that as someone of Ice-

landic descent, he sees familiar cultural touchstones and customs. “I love the Highland Games,” he said. “And this weather — coming from Iceland — is perfect for me.” But Bjornsson isn’t just there for autographs and handshakes. Sunday, he is participating in the weight-for-height competition against professional athletes, hoping to beat his personal records. This is the one involving throwing a heavy weight really, really high. “I am very strong at this moment,” he said matter-of-factly. “I’m feeling very good for (Sunday).” Also bringing the star power to the weekend is Gary Lewis, a Scottish actor known for portray-

ing Colum MacKenzie, clan chieftain in the Starz series “Outlander.” For Rob Tysinger, chief of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, which has put on the games without fail since 1866 when it was a picnic with some competitive flair in downtown San Francisco, the invitation of Lewis was a no-brainer in the organization’s quest to continue to innovate and broaden the event’s appeal. “With Outlander being a phenomenon, it gives more people a chance to see what we do,” he said. Tysinger touts the heavy athletics and the span of its pipe bands — 35 this year — that stand as the largest such competition outside

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Internal affairs » An irreverent inside view of the week’s news in local and state politics

THEY SAID IT

“I erred in judgment in the purchase of a five-bedroom home for \$2.3 million. I failed to consider adequately the housing crisis in this valley and the struggles of so many families and communities in light of that crisis.”

— Bishop of San Jose Patrick McGrath, announcing that after getting an earful from parishioners about buying an expensive retirement home with Diocese of San Jose funds, he would sell it and donate any profit to charity.



LATEST LINE » WHO’S UP AND WHO’S DOWN



SOLAR INDUSTRY
A bill requiring 100 percent of California’s electricity to come from renewable or non-carbon sources like solar, wind and hydropower by 2045 passes the Legislature and heads to Jerry Brown’s desk.



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Their entire industry is made obsolete this week in California, as Jerry Brown signs a new law banning cash bail and giving judges more discretion on whom to hold, starting in October 2019.



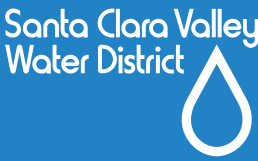
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Oakland Unified School District — Receives \$250,000 donation from Oakland Raiders to save fall sports programs, mostly for girls, that were to be cut to balance budget. But some winter and spring programs remain at risk.

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OAKLAND-MAUI FLIGHT

Pepper spray emergency follows disturbing photo

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First came the grisly crime scene photos, sent to several panicked passengers Friday on Hawaiian Airlines Flight 23. Then came the pepper spray.

A 15-year-old girl sharing a grisly mock crime scene photo from one of her high school classes with her mother caused the Maui-bound flight to return to its gate at Oakland Airport on Friday morning when the photo accidentally went out to other passengers, authorities said.

The flight eventually took off and was set to land safely in Hawaii when a can of pepper spray went off inside, requiring emergency help for several people aboard, Hawaiian Airlines said.

Twelve passengers and three flight attendants were treated for respiratory issues and released by



NICHOLAS ANDRADE VIA AP

People are gathered in a back galley on a Hawaiian Airlines flight from Oakland to Kahului, Hawaii, after a can of pepper spray went off inside the plane on Friday.

emergency responders at the airport in Kahului, Hawaii, airline spokesman Alex Da Silva said.

A passenger illegally brought the pepper spray on the plane and it apparently discharged accidentally, Da Silva said in a statement. The airline could not provide any details about the passenger or why officials believe the release was accidental.

The flight crew of the Boeing

767 declared an emergency to get priority to land at the airport in Hawaii. The plane carried 256 passengers and 10 crew members.

Nicholas Andrade said he and his fiancée were trying to take a nap in their seats just behind first class when the problems began.

“I was woken up by someone having a coughing fit. But what I came to find out is that it wasn’t one person coughing, it was many people coughing. And then everyone was coughing and then we were coughing. And the flight attendants were covering their faces and passengers started covering their faces,” he said.

People had trouble breathing and were shouting, Andrade said.

“People were definitely panicked,” he said.

Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said in an email that her agency and Maui police were investigating.

She said the pepper spray can-

ister held about 1.5 ounces. The fine for bringing pepper spray onto an airplane can reach \$1,960 or higher, Farbstein said.

Meanwhile, the teenager who accidentally shared the mock crime scene photo and her mother were not allowed to continue on when the flight to Maui departed about 90 minutes late. They were instead rebooked on a flight for Hawaii on Saturday, Oakland Airport spokeswoman Keonnis Taylor said.

Alameda County Sheriff’s Office deputies first received reports about the incident around 7:20 a.m. Sheriff’s spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly said the girl used her phone’s AirDrop app to send a mock crime scene photo of a body used in her med-biology class to her mom sitting next to her. AirDrop is a feature that allows Macs and iOS devices to share files.

But by using the method, the files also can mistakenly end up

on other nearby phones — in this case, the phones of other passengers, Kelly said.

Those passengers alerted flight attendants, who showed the image to the pilots.

The captain made the decision to notify authorities and return to the gate, Kelly said.

Deputies were waiting for the two when the plane returned to the gate, Kelly said. Once they learned the details of what happened, they were released.

The sheriff’s office will file an incident report with federal officials, but the agency sees no reason the two should be restricted from flying, Kelly said.

“I imagine they will think twice about AirDropping photos,” he said. “Especially on an airplane.”

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Scotland, but also takes pride in drawing heavy interest from outside the culture. He noted that there's the Highland and country dancing and myriad culinary offerings, which might be topped by the meatpie station, with a steady line of 100 people for much of Saturday.

"There's something for everybody," he said.

He also noted the "living history" section of the festival, in which reenactors clad in vintage garb, and sometimes armor and chain mail, revive the 16th-century era typified by Mary, Queen of Scots. Livermore resident Tina DeLise, a seasoned visitor who was returning for the first time in six years, saw the festival as a way to reconnect with her fellow re-enactors. It's also a family tradition that she shared with her daughter Ayla for years.

The games continue through Sunday at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. For more information, go to TheScottishGames.com.

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Pizarro

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month, and then the city needed to test the equipment and filters.The fountain's comeback comes in the waning weeks of summer, though it should be a relief with temperatures in San Jose expected to be in the low- to mid-80s throughout the holiday weekend.

MORE SIGNS OF THE PAST

» My recent column about the vintage signs we're losing brought some responses from readers, who let me know about the signs they treasure.

Greg Kimberly wrote that the Garden City sign on Saratoga Avenue should be added to the endangered list. The marker for the former casino and restaurant is certainly worth saving.

Sandie Ehrman is a big fan of the giant Western Appliance sign on Bascom Avenue. Last Christmas, her daughter used a photograph of the sign at night with Santa and his reindeer flying overhead as a greeting card, and Ehrman's kept it hanging in her kitchen since.

"With the closure of



PHOTO BY SAL PIZARRO

The fountain at Plaza de Cesar Chavez was back in operation momentarily Friday after being out of commission since January.

OSH, I feel it is the last of the real San Jose left," she said.

Bob and Betty Summers emailed me in hopes that the Monterey Road sign for the Bold Knight restaurant, which featured an armored knight, had been saved. After Bold Knight closed, the building housed a seafood restaurant and then a pizza joint before the site was redeveloped. But the sign, which was in disrepair, didn't make it.

John Reynolds preserved a bit of valley history when he was working for BAE Systems about a decade ago. A sign was being dismantled at one

of the buildings on De La Cruz Boulevard near the airport and underneath the thin sheet metal with the BAE logo were two sets of aluminum letters for the company that used to be there: FMC Defense Systems.

On the Orchard Supply Hardware front, the Change.org petition to preserve the neon arrow sign at the West San Carlos Street store has 1,500 signatures. And Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager, who successfully had the Cambrian Park Plaza carousel sign and the Burbank Theater sign preserved at the county level, sent a letter to San

Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and the City Council urging them to "make a public commitment to preserving our shared history."

"Orchard Supply's story is our story, about moving on from small town to global metropolis," Yeager wrote. "We need to preserve the San Carlos Street sign, in all its neon glory, as a link to our past, and a reminder of how far we have come."

ARTISTIC JUSTICE » As part of its upcoming 25th anniversary celebrations, the McManis Faulkner law firm in San Jose hosted a cocktail reception in the firm's downtown lobby to support the San Jose Museum of Art, followed by a tour of the museum's current exhibitions. Of course, one of those shows is "Rise Up! Social Justice in Art," curated by local employment lawyer J. Michael Bewley.

TRUE SPARTAN » Longtime men's clothier Ed Mosher has been continuing his recovery from illness after closing his downtown San Jose store at the Fairmont Hotel last year. But one date that San Jose State graduate and longtime booster wouldn't miss was the Spartans' football

home opener Thursday night. Along with friends Shel Onstead and Ebe Frasse, Mosher attended a reception hosted by Athletic Director Marie Tuite and SJSU President Mary Pappazian before the game. Too bad the Spartans couldn't provide a better ending to the night. They lost to UC-Davis 44-38.

PAUL SIMON'S PARTING GIFT

» When Paul Simon played his last Bay Area show in May, he left the area with more than memories of a legendary performer. He's been providing support for environmental groups all along the stops on his farewell tour, and in the Bay Area that meant a \$10,000 donation to Palo Alto-based Environmental Volunteers, which engages students in hands-on, field-based science.

Elliott Wright, the nonprofit's executive director, said the funds will be used for its EV Nature for Schools Challenge as well as its transportation fund, which has helped more than 52,000 students from 145 low-income schools in the Bay Area visit outdoor education sites.

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would have to start 15 minutes later.

Although that's "not an insurmountable task," district superintendent Eric Volta acknowledged in an email, "in many cases, high school students are dropped off first before the buses go on their second route to pick up and drop off elementary students."

"If the high and middle school start times in our area were to be pushed back, it could mean we may have to rework our pick up and drop off times, school start times, or even have to purchase more buses to accommodate the current el-

ementary start times with the later middle/high school start time," Volta explained. "None of these options are desirable or even doable financially."

An analysis of the bill prepared by staff for the state Assembly's education committee says it would present "unknown" cost pressures on the state general fund, "likely in the low millions, for schools to provide additional staff time for supervision before school, assuming schools need to open their doors by a specific time to accommodate pupils that need to be dropped off."

The analysis also notes that costs for local school districts could be "significant" if they need to purchase additional buses to accommodate the home-

to-school transportation changes. The cost for 150 buses statewide would be approximately \$10 million, according to the analysis.

Volta added that many of the families in his district commute on crowded Highway 4 and would need to drop off their children at the same time, leaving them to wait on campus longer for class to start.

But proponents of the bill argue the logistics should be worked out so students can get their necessary sleep. The author of the bill, Sen. Anthony Portantino, has cited several research studies that back his points and his staff last year drafted a book more than 200 pages long to help make that case.

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine asserts

teenagers should sleep 8 to 10 hours every night and anything short leads to poor performance in school, obesity, symptoms of depression, physical injuries and increased motor vehicle accident risks.

Simply going to bed earlier is not always a solution, the sleep scientists say — teenagers often have a delayed circadian rhythm and struggle to fall asleep before 11 p.m.

"In my experience, it can be a challenge to wake up early," said Kaveh Nasseri, 17, a senior at Prospect High School in Saratoga, who likes the bill. When he sees fellow classmates in the morning, "it's like they're barely functioning," he said.

Even delaying the start time by 30 minutes would

help, he said. Prospect High's regular school day starts at 8 a.m. Those who have "zero period" — an extra period prior in the regular school day — start at 7 a.m.

At that early hour, Nasseri said, "it's dark out and cold, and it's difficult to get yourself in that mindset."

Marina de Alba, 17, a senior at Westmont High in Campbell, said that for two years she started her zero-period class at 7:15 a.m.

"It's just far too early to start school," de Alba said. This year has been different. She has an empty period in the morning and starts many mornings at 10:30. She sometimes sleeps in, but also uses the time to go to the gym or catch up on homework.

The bill would not affect zero periods, and rural school districts would be exempt.

Although Assembly members didn't debate the benefits of more sleep, many expressed concerns about working families having to adjust schedules, saying that the law could burden those who need to pay for childcare or do not have the flexibility to take their children to school later in the morning.

Assemblymember Shirley Weber shot down those concerns, saying "we spend too much time talking about old people and their needs."

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

Pedestrian struck by vehicle, injured

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MOUNTAIN VIEW » A pedestrian was hospitalized Friday night after she was hit by a vehicle, an official said.

A driver turning onto southbound Shoreline Bou-

levard from Villa Street struck the woman as she crossed the road about 6 p.m., said Mountain View police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Nelson said the pedestrian was taken to a hospital for treatment

The driver is cooperating with the investigation, and

neither drugs nor alcohol appear to be a factor in the crash, Nelson said. Additional information, including the extent of the pedestrian's injuries, was not immediately available.

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SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Suspect arrested in robbery, kidnapping

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SAN JOSE » A suspect has been arrested in the armed robbery and kidnapping of a San Jose State University student last week, police said.

The attack was reported at San Salvador and South 6th streets on the afternoon of Aug. 22. The 18-year-old victim told officers he had been robbed at gunpoint and forced to walk to var-



Bell

ious ATMs in the area and withdraw cash, according to Officer Gina Tepoorten. Robbery detectives identified Solomon Bell, 20, of San Jose as a suspect in the case, according to Tepoorten.

Bell was arrested in San Jose on Wednesday and booked into Santa Clara

County Jail on felony charges of robbery and kidnapping.

Anyone with information related to the case or others like it can contact Detective Gerardo Silva at 408-277-4166.

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All across America, frantic, frenzied parents are driving their borderline adult children and their stuff to their next station in life. Whether they're heading to college or to first apartments, the highway is a mashup of U-Hauls and SUVs piled with lamps and laundry baskets, wishes and worries, pillows and parkas, hopes and heartaches, as caravans of parents head off to help kids fly the nest to build their own.

Marni Jameson
At home

Last weekend, my youngest daughter, Marissa, 22, and I were part of that bit-sweet brigade. Raising kids to the point where they can launch independent lives means we parents have done our jobs. It also means our jobs are done. So while I pat myself on the back with one hand, I dab tears with the other.

"So," I ask Marissa, "what do you have for your new place besides your clothes?"

I'm trying to imagine what all she might need to furnish the one-bedroom condo that will be her home through grad school. "A French press and a spatula," she says.

Fortunately, DC and I have some cast-off furniture, vestiges of our move to our new house last November. I know what you're thinking. Yes, I have said loudly and often: "Parents, your kids don't want your stuff!" And that is still true. Except for when they do.

We load a rental truck

with hand-me-down furniture, boxes of Marissa's clothes and books, and her first official furniture purchase: a full-size mattress, box spring and bed frame. "Good-bye twin XL!" she cries.

Then I climb into the U-Haul, and she gets into her tuna-can of a car, and we begin our 12-hour, 700-mile migration from our home in Orlando, Florida, to her new, first place in Nashville, Tennessee.

I make a phone call to my friend Missy Tannen, founder of Boll & Branch, a company that makes pure-cotton luxury bedding.

"I want to order bedding for Marissa's first place," I say.

"I'm getting tons of calls like this right now," she says, "mostly from mothers sending care packages to their daughters."

I order organic-cotton sheets, fresh down pillows, a waffle-weave blanket, a down insert and a duvet cover in white cotton with a shore-blue band.

Tannen, a mom to three daughters, gets it. "Moms do this so they know that at the end of the day, no matter what else happens, their kids have a soft place to land."

Actually, that's what this whole move is about. Like other parents, I battle the twin desires of wanting my daughter to work for what she wants, while also wanting to get her off to a good start — the eternal parental conundrum.

At the condo, we unload the truck. After a run to Walmart for groceries, hangers and a shower curtain, the condo looks right

as rain. I fly home Sunday. The care package arrives Monday.

That night, when Marissa gets into bed, she calls to thank me: "I feel like I'm sleeping inside a giant marshmallow," she says.

Having set up a few first places, I marveled again at how little you need to start a life. Here's a first-apartment checklist:

KITCHEN BASICS » Dishes, cups, glasses and flatware for four. Cooking utensils (a wooden spoon, spatula, tongs, whisk). A tea kettle or coffee maker, depending on your brew. A small set of pots and pans, a few cutting knives, mixing bowls. Dish towels and pot holders.

FURNITURE » A kitchen table and chairs. A sofa and small table. A lamp or two. A bookshelf. A bed, a mattress and box spring.

CLEANING SUPPLIES: Mop, broom, vacuum. Bucket, all-purpose cleaner, sponges, detergent. Paper towels, trash bags.

HOUSEHOLD » Batteries, scissors, clothes hangers.

BATH ITEMS » Towels, shower curtain, toilet paper and sundries.

PLUS » Something that reminds you of where you came from, like a family photo.

Syndicated columnist Marni Jameson is the author of three home and lifestyle books, including "Downsizing the Family Home — What to Save, What to Let Go." Her At Home column is published weekly. Contact her at marnijameson.com. To see all of her columns, go to mercurynews.com/author/marni-jameson/

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TRAIN DAYS IN LOS ALTOS » All aboard for Train Days, Sept. 15-16, at the Los Altos History Museum. The event, celebrating model railroading, is in its landmark 10th year. “We’re delighted to celebrate Train Days’ 10th anniversary,” said Kristen Fuller, event chair.



Steven Wayne Yvaska
The seasoned collector

“What started as a small, one-time supporting event for a museum exhibition, ‘Trains Mean Business,’ has now evolved into a communitywide event that includes participants and friends from around the Bay Area that return year after year to enjoy trains and good times!”

The event features elaborate layouts, intricate scenery, scaled renditions of prototypes, whimsical engines and fascinating theme cars with steam, lights, even sound. Many displays are interactive, allowing one and all to pull a switch to see what happens.

Leading experts in the field, including rail safety authorities and gurus representing state train clubs, will be in attendance.

Participants will include the Live Steamers, Diablo Pacific Short Line, Golden Gate Toy Train Operators and the National Model Railroad Association.

DETAILS » Climb aboard Sept. 15 and 16 at 51 San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$5; free for children under 4. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Food and ice cream trucks will be onsite. For more information, call 650-948-9427 or visit the website losaltosh-



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The Los Altos History Museum’s 10th annual Train Days event celebrates model railroading.

history.org/2018/07/train-days-rolls-into-its-10th-year-at-the-los-altos-history-museum/ **HARRIS-LASS MUSEUM YARD SALE »** The Harris-Lass Museum in Santa Clara will hold its annual Summer Yard Sale on Saturday.

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The flea market will feature antiques, collectibles, arts and crafts, plus other treasures. Be on the lookout for reduce-priced merchandise at the museum Tank House Gift Shop. **DETAILS»** The Harris-Lass House is at 1889 Market St., Santa Clara. Sale hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Docent-led tours are available. For more information, call 408-249-7905.

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There will also be an assortment of Christmas, Halloween and Thanksgiving décor.

DETAILS » The Thrift Box is at 1362 Lincoln Ave., San Jose. The sale is 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 21 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 22. The store will be closed Sept. 20 to prepare for the event (please no donations until after the sale). Totes, strollers, large purses and backpacks are not allowed. Credit cards are accepted. For more information, call 408-294-4490 or visit the website thriftbox.org/calendar.php

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RESTAURANTS



Manresa owner and chef David Kinch is set to reopen his restaurant after a fire that caused nearly \$1 million in damage in July.

PHOTO BY GEORGE SAKKESTAD

Los Gatos eatery damaged in fire sets reopening date with new dishes

By Jessica Yadegaran
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After being closed for two months following an accidental fire, famed Manresa restaurant is reopening Sept. 19.

The July 16 fire ignited overnight outside the restaurant, resulting in damage to an exterior wall and the attic inside the Los Gatos restaurant.

In an interview Saturday, David Kinch, chef-owner of the three-Michelin-starred restaurant, shared details about the aftermath.

“It’s close to \$1 million worth of damage,” he said. “I lost a lot, including Japanese glassware and plates that I hand carried back from Japan and had been collecting for the past 15 years.”

It was the second fire in four years for the restaurant.

In July 2014, a kitchen blaze forced the closure of Manresa for six months for reconstruction. According to Santa Clara County fire officials, the cause of that fire was arson.

Being closed for two months this summer means the restaurant nearly missed the entire tomato season. That’s why Kinch is planning a signature garden dish made entirely of tomatoes and fruits.

“Soon we’ll be making the transition to a fall menu with lots of squashes, game and matsutake mushrooms,” he said. Look for a corn and caviar dish, too.

In the dining room, you’ll notice new sconces, a fresh coat of paint, new carpet and Kinch’s own photography from France.

The Manresa reopening is not the only project keeping Kinch busy. The chef,

who was nominated for the James Beard Foundation’s Outstanding Chef award in March, is opening a third Manresa Bread, which, unlike the Los Gatos and Los Altos locations, will be an expanded cafe with a liquor license.

“It’s going to be Manresa Bread Cafe,” he said. “We’re going to be open later and do the same signatures breads and pastries but also offer a simple cafe menu with hot and cold sandwiches and simple pastas.”

Kinch also shared details of his highly-anticipated Mediterranean concept in Aptos.

“We’re getting a beautiful Italian oven and plan to make pizzas that are Neapolitan-esque in style, but we’re going to bring our own style to it,” he said. “We’re very close to finalizing the name.”

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LACE MUSEUM SALE » The Lace Museum’s Semi-Annual Vintage Lace Sale will take place Sept. 20-22.

The members-only pre-sale will take place 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 20.

The sale will be open to the public 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 21-22.

While there, don’t miss the exhibit “Figural Lace: Lions and Tigers and Dragons.”

You’ll see an amazing display of the ways lace-makers have represented all kinds of figures into their work over the centuries.

The exhibit runs through Oct. 20.

DETAILS » The Lace Museum is at 552 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale. Hours:

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, and 7-9 p.m. on the third Friday. Also open by appointment.

Free parking. For more information, call 408-730-4695 or visit the website thelacemuseum.org

Steven Wayne Yvaska’s column runs the first Sunday of each month. Find all of his columns at mercurynews.com/author/steven-wayne-yvaska

LITERATURE

‘Daisy Children’ form a chain to disaster

By Angela Hill
Contributing writer

The idea for Sofia Grant’s latest historical novel, “The Daisy Children” (HarperCollins, \$15.99, 407 pages), was born a few years ago, when the Oakland author came across a nonfiction book on a long-forgotten tragedy — the New London school explosion of March 18, 1937, in rural Texas.

It was a massive blast. A pocket of accumulated natural gas erupted into a huge fireball, apparently sparked when a teacher turned on a power tool. It reduced an entire wing of the steel-and-concrete building to rubble, instantly killing 295 children and teachers with at least a dozen more succumbing later to their injuries, raising the death toll to 311.

It made international news at the time — even covered by a young Walter Cronkite — and the tragic toll remains on record as the deadliest school disaster in American history. Yet it has faded into the past.

When Grant read of the explosion, she was deeply moved and amazed she’d never heard of such a significant event. Pondering the level of grief families must have experienced, the prolific author of “The Dress in the Window” and more than a dozen young adult novels began to imagine what might have happened in New London after the initial shock had passed and how life — what was left of it — went on.

“What was significant to me was that an entire generation of children in this



town had vanished,” Grant said, sitting on a bench in a park near her home. “I wondered what that would do to a community — how families could find hope after such tragedy and how all this affected the children who survived.”

To find real-life answers, Grant visited the East Texas town of New London, the original school site, the cemetery. She did much of her research in the town’s small museum, dedicated to honoring those lost in the disaster. She pored over photos, letters and news clippings and talked to those descended from the original families involved. “You could tell that these folks all grew up together,” she said. “It was a very localized tragedy.”

She discovered accounts of families whose children had survived the blast and other families who were out of their minds with grief, one man even making wild threats to kill the remaining children. She read about those who decided to have more children, and she began to consider how these events might affect generations down the line.

So she came up with a fictional follow-up about a group of kids, the so-called Daisy children — the “replacement” babies born about a year after the disaster to parents who had lost children in the blast.

Her book takes readers through four generations of women, moving back and forth from the

1930s to the present-day story of Katie Garrett, a young Boston exec going through career and marriage crises. Katie is the granddaughter of Margaret Pierson, one of the Daisy children.

Because of strained family relationships in her own life, Katie has only met her grandmother once and knows little of the story of the explosion. But when her grandmother dies, Katie learns she’s been left a modest inheritance and travels to New London for the reading of the will.

There she meets her distant cousin and co-beneficiary, Scarlett, a young woman as colorful and flamboyant as her name, who welcomes Katie with open arms. Together they sift through their grandmother’s possessions and discover long-buried family secrets.

Grant writes with rich details and references — from smartphones, Ubers and Amazon fulfillment centers in modern times back to the days of Brylcreem and Lavoris. Sometimes, the time jumps are a little confusing, and it takes a minute to adjust to the era at hand. But once you’re in, it’s easy to immerse oneself in the period.

There’s a clear mother-daughter relationship theme, cascading down the generations — something close to Grant’s heart. “My own mother has been gone for 20 years, and my daughter is 23,” she said. “So, when I started writing about this, it brought to mind my own experiences. Mother-daughter stuff comes up a lot in my writing, no matter the genre.”

SUPERIOR COURT

Silicon Valley tech mogul heads to jail after losing appeal

By Jason Green
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SAN FRANCISCO » A Silicon Valley tech mogul who made \$300 million at age 25 is headed to jail after an appeals court upheld a judge’s decision to revoke his probation for a domestic violence conviction.

Gurbaksh Chahal was remanded into custody Friday to begin serving his one-year term.

Chahal pleaded guilty in April 2014 to misdemeanor domestic violence charges after prosecutors said surveillance footage from his San Francisco penthouse showed him punching and kicking his girlfriend more than 100 times and trying to smother her with a pillow.

Prosecutors said Chahal violated his probation by attacking a second girlfriend, and San Francisco Superior Court Judge Tracie Brown ruled in their favor in 2016. She sentenced Chahal to a year in jail, but he did not immediately begin serving the term because the judge allowed him to appeal.

Chahal argued that Brown was wrong to consider the surveillance footage of the first attack when deciding whether to revoke his probation. The footage has not been played in court or made public, and it had previously been deemed inadmissible on the grounds that it was improperly obtained.

The state appeals court rejected that argument.

It also rejected Chahal’s claim that prosecutors did not do enough to get his second accuser to testify at his parole revocation hearing. The woman left for South Korea and declined to cooperate with prosecutors, according to court records.



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Gurbaksh Chahal stands in his penthouse in San Francisco in 2008. The internet mogul, who made \$300 million at age 25, faces jail time for violating his probation in a domestic violence case by attacking a second girlfriend, prosecutors say.

San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón welcomed the judge’s decision to remand Chahal into custody.

“Mr. Chahal sought to escape responsibility for assaulting two women, but today he learned that wealth and privilege will not shield him from consequences,” he said in a statement. “Domestic violence is very serious, and we will always be here to make sure that batterers are held accountable.”

At age 16, Chahal started his first internet advertising company in his East San Jose bedroom. He sold it for \$40 million.

At 21, he started his second internet advertising company, BlueLithium, which he sold to Yahoo in 2007 for \$300 million.

A year later, he appeared on “The Oprah Winfrey Show” in a segment that highlighted his success and promoted him as a highly eligible bachelor.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

SAN JOSE

Police arrest suspect in teen’s shooting

By Jason Green
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SAN JOSE » Police have arrested a suspect in a shooting that injured a teen in East San Jose last week.

The shooting was reported on the 900 block of Walnut Woods Drive, near Story Road and Lucretia Avenue, about 4:15 p.m. Monday.

The victim was taken to a hospital with injuries

that police described as non-life threatening.

Gang detectives followed up on leads developed by patrol officers and identified a suspect.

Police Sgt. Enrique Garcia said the suspect, who was not identified because he is a minor, was arrested by the MERGE Unit, San Jose’s version of SWAT, in the city Wednesday.

The suspect was booked into Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall on an as-

sault with a deadly weapon charge, Garcia said.

Anyone with information related to the case can contact Detective Allan Dela Cruz at 408-277-3835.

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Bill Deem

Nov. 10, 1929 - Aug. 23, 2018
Rancho Mirage

On Thursday, August 23, 2018, Bill Deem, passed away peacefully at the age of 88 years. He served in the Navy on the USS Piedmont and taught electronic mathematics at San Jose City College for 28 years. Bill was fortunate to have had three wonderful wives (Corine, Jean and Lennox) all of whom predeceased him. He is survived by his brother (Ed), sister (Beverly) sons (Steve and John), two grandchildren (Corine and Phillip), one great granddaughter (Skye), and six stepchildren (Steve and Dan Neal, Bill, Brett and Eric Larson and Ann DeMill) and their families. Bill will be forever remembered by his extended family and dear friends.

A Service will be held on Saturday, September 15, at 10:30 a.m., at Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Ave, San Jose, CA 95103

In lieu of flowers, a donation in memory of Bill may be made to San Jose City College (<http://www.sjcccd.edu/foundation/ways-to-give/>) or to the Junior Golf program at Pruneridge (checks payable to Pruneridge Golf Club send to Andrew Piercy Junior Golf Pruneridge Golf Club 400 N. Saratoga Ave. Santa Clara CA 95050)



Alice June Carr

May 8, 1931 - Aug. 29, 2018
Resident of San Jose

To our loving aunt, Alice June Carr. Survived by nieces Candice Carr & Carla Rae Thomas McClure; nephews Chris Carr, Carson Thomas, Eldon Thomas & Clark Carr; & beloved grandniece Samantha Boyden. Preceded in death by parents John & Dora Carr, sisters Osie Hoffman & Gladys Thomas, & brothers Orville, Lester, Burk, & Chuck.

Memorial service: Tues., 9/4, 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4977 San Felipe Road, San Jose.

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Henry "Hank" Lampreda

Roseville, CA

Henry "Hank" Lampreda, born in San Jose, California, passed away on August 22, 2018, in Roseville, California. He is survived by his wife Paye Lampreda of 58 years. They were boyfriend and girlfriend since the 5th grade at Cambrian Grammar School. They enjoyed traveling together throughout their lives. Hank was the son of the late Betty Bryson and the late Henry Lampreda Sr.; had two brothers, Robert Lampreda and the late Ronald Lampreda (Pat); and two children, Starlene Frysle and the late Jeff Lampreda.

Hank graduated from Camden High School. He worked at Golden State/Foremost Dairies for 8 years, owned two 7-11 stores for 10 years, worked at Bob Ostrow/John Morrell for 21 years and worked at Miller Packing for 11 years. Hank enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, Steven, Sara and Scott Frysle. He also enjoyed bowling, golf and motorcycle riding.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Kidney Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.

Peter Delao Aguilar

Aug. 1, 1933 - Aug. 18, 2018
Resident of San Jose

Peter Aguilar passed away peacefully on the evening of August 18th. Peter is survived by his wife Loren, brother Alex, son Anthony, daughter Lisa and granddaughter Elena. Born in Taft, Texas, and raised in Minatare, Nebraska. He served in the U.S. Army for two years while stationed at Fort Ord, CA. It was there at a dance where he met his future wife Loren. They later married and settled in San Jose where they raised their two children. Pete was a truck driver and butcher. Pete valued holiday traditions and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Viewing will take place on Thursday, Sept. 6, 5-7pm. Rosary to begin at 7pm - Chapel of Flowers. Mass will take place on Friday, Sept. 7 at 11am - St. Lucy's Parish (2350 Winchester Blvd., Campbell). Burial to follow - Santa Clara Mission Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial gift donation to Disabled American Veterans. davy.org

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Lily Toyoko Omokawa

Jan. 30, 1927 - July 6, 2018
Sunnyvale

Lily Omokawa passed away peacefully on July 6, 2018 surrounded by her family. She is survived by her children, Peggy Mayeda (Carl), Glen Omokawa and Jean Omokawa; and grandchildren, Eric Mayeda, Kelly Mikuni (Aaron) and Welly Omokawa. Memorial services have been held.

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Catherine Ferry Coleman

January 23, 1955 - August 8, 2018

Catherine Mary (Kate) Ferry Coleman was born in Sharon, PA, the first child and only daughter of Charles H. and Mary Catherine (Deneen) Ferry, who both preceded her in death. Her father's national sales job for Proctor and Gamble and Dial Corporation took the Ferry family to many cities across the country, including Olean, NY; Leonia, NJ; Tonawanda, NY; San Bruno and San Lorenzo, CA; Livonia, MI; Rolling Meadows, IL; and Scottsdale, AZ.

Kate was an honor student for three years at William Fremd H.S. in Palatine, IL, and at Saguaro H.S. in Scottsdale, AZ, where she graduated. She was a magna cum laude graduate in English from Arizona State University, where she also was president of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

After graduation, she began a 23-year career in newspaper marketing at Phoenix Newspapers, Inc. In 1980, Kate married Jay Coleman, a sports/feature writer at The Arizona Republic newspaper, and the couple moved to the San Francisco Bay Area early in 1981.

Kate was marketing director at The Oakland Tribune newspaper from 1981-90, and later held the same position at the San Jose Mercury News from 1990-2000. With two young daughters at home, she left the newspaper industry early to be a full-time mother. She was a board member for many years at Goodwill of Santa Clara County, and was a founding member of the Guatemala Sister Parish Committee at St. Joseph Mission San Jose Catholic Church in Fremont, CA, where the family made their home for more than 30 years.

Kate was a voracious reader, a gifted writer, an exceptional story teller (especially her legendary Irish stories), an accomplished baker and designer of gourmet cookies, and was well known for her charm and wit.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 38 years, Jay; daughters Casey and Maggie; brothers Charlie (Jude) and Mark Ferry; an aunt, Gloria Ferry; eight nieces and nephews; and dozens of cousins. Services will be on Friday, September 21, 11 a.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 43148 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA.



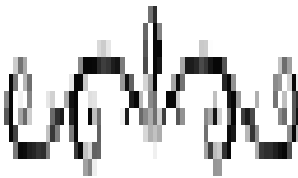
Vickie Pacholka

Sept. 18, 1950 - Aug. 23, 2018
Resident of San Jose

Vickie Ora Pacholka passed away surrounded by her family after a struggle with cancer. Vickie grew up in Southern California, the oldest of nine brothers and sisters before moving to San Jose in 1987. She retired as office manager of the San Jose DMV in 2012, after 37 years employed by the State of California. She had a passion for gardening, decorating the house inside and out for every occasion, and taking her border collie Mr. Bean to the park every day. She also had an amazing and unstoppable sense of humor, she always had a way to make you smile. She was the beloved wife to her husband Carl for forty years and the mother of her son Justin, who was the light of her life for 34 years.

She is survived by her husband, Carl; son, Justin (Mary), sisters, Debbie, Yvonne, Shellie "Chelle", Tina, Martie; brothers, Stan, Donnie, Patrick; father Don; & stepmother, Fran. Service will be private.

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Donna Malanado

July 29, 1947 - Aug. 10, 2018
Resident of Hollister

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Donna Marlene Malanado at the age of 71. She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Madruga, and her mother, Victoria Madruga. Donna will be lovingly remembered and forever missed by her son, Patrick Malanado (Michelle); her granddaughters, Samantha Davidson (Andrew), Meghan Diagneau (Gregory); & her great-grandchildren, Hope Davidson, Sharon Diagneau, and Damian Diagneau. Memorial services will be held at a later date. We encourage you to make a donation to a charity of your choosing in her remembrance.

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Joyce Ferris-Metcalf

Resident of Los Gatos

Joyce passed the morning of Saturday August 5th in Brentwood California. She was the eldest daughter of 6 children born to Ruth and Ladell Ferris of Cincinnati, OH. There will be a service celebrating her life at the Los Gatos Presbyterian Church on September 7th at 1PM. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate any donation to the National Aphasia Association. <https://www.aphasia.org/donate/>.



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Scott Andrew Sledge
Sept. 1970 - Aug. 2018

Scott Sledge passed away inexpertly at his home in Phoenix, Arizona earlier this month. He attended Schallenberger Elementary, Markham Middle and Willow Glen High School. He was an avid skateboarder, a loyal Sharks fan even after moving to Phoenix and loved good food. Scott will be missed by his family and friends, but they are comforted knowing he is at peace with the Lord.

A memorial service will be held at St. James Anglican Church, 1575 Lincoln Ave. Willow Glen (San Jose) on September 15 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the St. James Renovation Fund in memory of Scott.

Jeff Lampreda
54 years
Hilo Hawaii

Jeff Lampreda, born in San Jose California, passed away on August 19, 2016, in Hilo, Hawaii, age 54. He was the son of Henry and Faye Lampreda, brother to Starlene Fryslic, and uncle to Steven, Sara and Scott Fryslic. Jeff was the nephew of George and Vickii Fleming, Gwynn Sosa, Robert Lampreda, Pat Lampreda and the late Ronald Lampreda.

Jeff graduated from Leigh High School and San Jose State University. Jeff spent his later years living in Hawaii adventuring into the great outdoors, whether he was hiking, cliff diving or swimming with the sea turtles. Jeff, together with his Aunt Gwynn, enjoyed being a volunteer coach for the Special Olympics to support his cousin Dusty Sosa, an active participant. Jeff lived his life to the fullest. He is loved and missed by his family.



Louise May Ballard
May 8, 1933 - July 15, 2018
Resident of San Jose

Louise left us on July 15, 2018, with her children at her side. She was 85. Louise was born in Manteca, Ca. to Andreana and Gianaurio Bechere. She was a proud graduate of Hayward High and Armstrong College.

She lived most of her life in Fremont, Ca. And spent her final 6 years in San Jose with her daughter and son in law, Lisa and Sam Blackford. Louise was a lifelong fan of the SF Giants, loved the Golden State Warriors, but most of all, she loved to shop! We are certain that she was greeted in heaven by her loving husband, David Lavern Ballard, who passed away in 2015, and was probably waiting for her with his heavenly no limit credit card! Along with her warmth,quirky humor, passion for style, and all things Italian, Louise leaves a lasting legacy of laughter and strong love for family. She is survived by her three children and their spouses, Lisa and Sam Blackford, Laurie Ballard and George Tamkus, and Mitch and Sandra Ballard. Also, her 5 grandchildren, Mathew, Sean, Adam, Benjamin and Jessie and their spouses as well as 13 great grandchildren. Predeceased by her beloved husband of 63 years, David.

Mom, we love you. Our memories of you will last forever.

She lived, laughed, loved and left
-James Joyce-



Concetta Annette Magnano
August 26, 1924 - August 26, 2018
Resident of San Jose

Concetta Annette (Lo Bono) Magnano, born in San Jose, to Angelina and Joseph Lo Bono, passed away on her 94th birthday. A graduate of Notre Dame high school and San Jose State University, she was a registered nurse at O' Connor Hospital. She was preceded in death by her brother, Phillip Lo Bono. Connie was married for 46 years to her late husband John (2008). She is survived by her daughters, Julia Collins (Bob) and Gina Magnano; and grandchildren, Christina and Christopher Collins. Friends and family can pay their respects at the viewing on Tuesday, September 4th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm with Rosary service at 7:00 PM at Willow Glen Funeral Home 1039 Lincoln Ave., San Jose, CA. Funeral mass will be held Wednesday, September 5th at 11am at St Christopher Church 2278 Booksin Ave., San Jose, CA.

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Geraldine Alice "Boots" Peters
Resident of Monte Sereno

Geraldine "Boots" Peters was born on September 21, 1925 at the new San Jose Hospital to parents William "Billy" and Geraldine Jones. She died on July 2, 2018 at Samaritan Village in Hughson, California.

The youngest of four children, she had a happy childhood growing up on the family's 10-acre prune and apricot ranch in Los Gatos. The two-and-a-half mile walk home from school went by quickly as she was usually with her best friends. She fondly recalled spending summers at the family cabin in Paradise Park near Santa Cruz as well as helping harvest the fruit, picking prunes with friends and cutting apricots with her mother and aunt. Geraldine graduated from Los Gatos High School in 1943 after which she enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley. Her studies were interrupted by the death of her brother Robert in Alaska during World War II.

She met her future husband Robert Peters on a blind date in January 1946. They were married later that year at the old Presbyterian Church in Los Gatos. Three children completed the family, William, Priscilla and Virginia. Geraldine returned to school and received her teaching credential once all three children were in school. She taught in both the Franklin McKinley and Oak Grove school districts in San Jose. Later, she worked in medical records. Gardening, weaving, reading and music were among her many interests, and she especially enjoyed travels throughout the U.S. and beyond. Friends and family admired Geraldine for her positive outlook, her curiosity, her creativity, her sense of humor, and her zest for living. Hers was a full and wonderful life.

Geraldine was pre-deceased by her parents, William and Geraldine (McGrady) Jones; her siblings Elizabeth, Robert and Neal; her husband Robert Peters, and her daughter Virginia. She is survived by her son William (Guy Stiles) of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; her daughter Priscilla (John Miles) of Turlock, California, and by nephews Don (Ann) Peters, Gary (Sheryl) Peters, Roger (Valraie) Bibb, Rob (Colleen) Butterfield, Jim (Joann) Butterfield and nieces Christine Todd, Carolyn Colwell, Jean Peters, Sheryl (Robert) Reynolds and their families.

A celebration of life will take place at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos on Sunday afternoon, September 9, 2018 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad (P.O. Box 234 Los Gatos, CA 95031) or a charity of your choice.

Thomas Y. Nishimoto

June 7, 1940 - Aug. 13, 2018
Resident of San Jose

Thomas (Tom) Yoshinori Nishimoto passed away peacefully at his home in west San Jose on August 13, 2018. Tom was born to Yoshito and Ohiko Nishimoto on June 7, 1940, in Arcadia, California. He is survived by siblings George (JoAnn, deceased) Nishimoto, Jim (Jean) Nishimoto, Nancy (Roland) Itaya, Betty (Hank) Kitajima, and June (Ted) Okano. He has 12 nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews. Tom was predeceased by his sister Helen Nishimoto and his parents.

Tom was a retired gardener. He enjoyed fishing, tending his vegetable garden, and shopping for gadgets.

A Private memorial service was held in late August. The family requests any donations be given to a charity of your choice.

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Harold Elmer Meeker
1929 - 2018

Harold Elmer Meeker, age 89, of San Carlos, California, passed away on Aug. 24. He leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Lorraine Meeker, children Lawrence, Kathleen, Susan, and William, and grandchildren Elizabeth, Laura, and William. His brother Warren, sister Rita, and son Kenneth all preceded him in death.

Harold was born March 24, 1929, in Queens, New York. He earned a civil engineering degree in 1954 and an MBA in 1974. During his early years he built model railroads and coached Little League.

Harold spent his entire career in the railroad industry. He worked for the B&O from 1956 to 1966, and for the WPRR and UPRR from 1966 to 1985. After retirement he practiced as an industry consultant. Harold and Lorraine also traveled throughout the country visiting all 50 states.

Memorial service will be Monday, October 29, 2018 at 10:00 am at St. Charles Church in San Carlos. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Veterans of Foreign Wars or Wounded Warriors.



Burch Alan Harper
February 1, 1965 – July 10, 2018
Resident of Los Gatos, CA

Burch Alan Harper passed away suddenly and unexpectedly of natural causes on July 10th. He was 53 years old.

Burch was born in Washington D.C. and spent his childhood nearby in Prince George County, Maryland. He attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a magnet stem high school in Greenbelt Maryland. He later went on to earn a B.A. in Philosophy and Literature from St. John's College, a B.S.E.E. in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University, and a J.D. of Law from University of Michigan.

Burch taught Mathematics and Science for over 2 years as a Peace Corps volunteer in a rural village located in Lesotho, a country in Southern Africa. His time in the Peace Corps, while brief, had a great impact on Burch and he often drew on those experiences and relationships built there.

During his professional career, Burch provided both Patent and Technology Licensing expertise to several companies in the Bay Area, with his most recent position as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property at Kateeva in Newark, CA. He was also an active public speaker, eager to share his knowledge with the legal community at large. Burch also recently became an Adjunct Professor and Mentor at Santa Clara University School of Law, teaching a course popular with students on technology licensing.

Burch is preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Vonda Harper, and his brother Mark who he lost over 20 years ago. He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Shari Harper, and their 12-year-old son, Cole Harper. He particularly appreciated being wholeheartedly embraced by Shari's extended Gilmore family.

Burch met Shari at an event held at the SFMOMA museum in San Francisco. He later told the story of seeing Shari that night and thinking, "I'm going to marry her". They married in 2005 on the beautiful island of St. John in the Caribbean and settled in Los Gatos, California. Cole came along 1 ½ years later and is the pride of their lives together. Burch enjoyed traveling, visiting many different countries throughout his life.

Burch was always inquisitive, appreciated learning just for the sake of it, and often had a special project of exploration underway. His most recent being music theory. His kindness and wisdom will be dearly missed by his many friends and colleagues, and especially, the Gilmore and Harper families. He will long be remembered for his thoughtfulness, humbleness, and quiet wit. That wit was often shaded in observations and empathy about the human condition.

Lawyer, philosopher, teacher, father, husband, friend – Burch was all of these. He understood mastery of each is of course elusive and rather dedicated himself to the simple practice of them all. A life well-lived yet over far too early, Burch would take great comfort in us embracing Shari and Cole and each other during this trying time.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life service to be held on Friday, September 28th at 10:30 am at Villa Regusa, 35 South 2nd St., Campbell, CA. A private burial is planned at Los Gatos Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the charities Burch honored for his family members: Alzheimer Association and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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Susan Stephens Morley

April 9, 1930-August 20, 2018
Resident of San Jose

Susan Stephens Morley, 88, passed away at her home on August 20, 2018.

Susan was born on April 9, 1930 to Helen Settles and Frank Stephens, the youngest of six children.

She graduated from Northwestern University in 1951 with a bachelors degree in education. It was at Northwestern she met the love of her life, Jack Morley, who had just returned from his service with the U.S Navy during World War II. Sue and Jack were married June 7, 1952, and moved to California, where their five children were born.

Sue was a first grade and special education teacher who continued her lifelong love of learning by earning a Masters in Education from Santa Clara University. She inspired generations of students, and would often be stopped in public by former students who remembered her decades later.

In retirement, Sue, Jack, and her brother-in-law Bob traveled across the US in their motorhome visiting their children and grandchildren. Sue was an award-winning rosarian, a lover of giraffes, and a dedicated student to the French language.

Sue is predeceased by her husband Jack and her daughter Cathy Hoffman, and survived by her children John Morley (Julie), Robert Morley (Barbara), Helen Dowty (Jerry), and Mary Elizabeth Baesler (Jim); her twelve grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

A celebration of life will be held at Los Altos United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 15, at 2pm.

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Robert F. Rodarte
Aug. 7, 1959 - August 26, 2018
Resident of San Jose

Robert was a loving son, brother, brother-in law, uncle and friend. He passed away quietly on Sunday August 26, 2018. He was born August 7, 1959 in San Jose, California to Mary (Singh) and Fernando Rodarte. He graduated from James Lick High School in 1978. Robert worked for Signetics Electronics in Sunnyvale, California. He loved his job and those he worked with. He was mentored by David Ballesteros, whom he highly respected. He was proud of his gun collection and had an extensive knowledge of their history and value. He unconditionally loved his family and friends. Everyone who knew Robert enjoyed spending time with him. He was a gentle soul, generous in nature and toward the end of his life believed every day was a gift. He believed in God and lived by the motto Truth, Loyalty and Honor. He will be deeply missed by all. He is survived by his sister Laura Rodarte Wicks, Michael Wicks, his niece Allyse Wicks, nephew Samuel Wicks, lifetime best friends George Rosa and Lisa Merlin. You will forever live in our hearts and never be forgotten.

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Kazunori Aozasa

January 4, 1929 -- August 14, 2018
Resident of Los Altos

Kazunori (Kaz) Aozasa passed away on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. He was 89. Kaz is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Kimiye Aozasa. Also, his son and family, Walter, his wife Karen, and their children, Ken Nakamura and Cole Aozasa. His son, Wesley Aozasa, and his children, Michael, Margueritte, Morgan Aozasa. Also, Lisa Aozasa, wife of Wayne Aozasa, who passed away on December 3, 2017, and their children, Kendall and Carly Aozasa.

Kaz was born and grew up in Shimane, Japan. He immigrated to the United States in 1950 and settled in San Jose where he met and married his wife, Kimiye Oshiba in 1957. They moved their young family to Los Altos in 1963, where Kaz took an active role in raising his three sons, encouraging their education and coaching them in Little League. Kaz was passionate about sports, especially baseball, a life-long love he shared with his sons and grandchildren, who excelled in school and in their chosen sports of baseball, golf, and soccer.

Kaz was a graduate of San Jose State University and after graduation had a successful 40-year career in finance/administration with Japan Airlines. He retired in 1994.

Kaz was a strong, quiet, intelligent man who was devoted to his wife and family. In his later years, Kaz enjoyed trips to Reno to visit his youngest grandson at college and never missed spending time with friends at the semi annual San Jose Night in Reno as well. He enjoyed his weekly Yahtzee game with his friends, and continually stayed up to date on his favorite Japanese television programs and books series, as well as his grandchildren's athletics, whose games he often taped. He will be dearly missed.

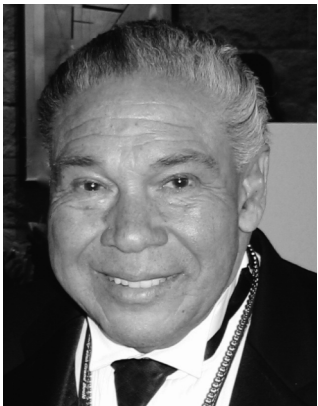
Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday 9/8, at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North Fifth St., San Jose, CA. 95112.

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Robert Floyd Jr., M.D.
September 7, 1935 - November 25, 2013
Resident of San Jose

Robert Floyd, Jr., M.D. grew up in rural Mississippi in a humble, hard-working family living under Jim Crow segregation. He nurtured the dream that he would one day become a doctor and fly airplanes. It is testimony to his grit, determination, love of learning, and the unwavering support of his family and community, that Bob successfully hurdled all social and economic obstacles placed in his way to achieve these dreams and a great deal more.

After graduating from Meharry Medical School, in Nashville, TN, in 1961, Bob became the one of the first African-Americans to graduate from the United States Naval Aerospace Medical Institute and became our country's second African-American Naval Flight Surgeon. While stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan, Lt. Commander Floyd flew reconnaissance missions and treated Marine troops in Vietnam.

After leaving active duty, Bob completed his OB/GYN residency and went onto develop a successful private practice as an Obstetrician & Gynecologist in San Jose, CA. He delivered hundreds of babies over his 40 year medical career, taught generations of OB/GYN residents, and passionately advocated across his life for women's health care and reproductive rights. His work in this arena contributed to numerous advances in policy, medical technique and technology.

He served as both Chief of Staff & Department Chair at Alexian Brothers Hospital (now SJ Regional Medical Center), as well as a Member of the hospital's Board of Trustees. He was also President of the Shufelt Gynecological Society, Councilor for the Santa Clara Valley Medical Association, and was a Clinical Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology at Stanford University. For his achievements, he was recognized as a "Health-Care Pioneer" by the organization, 100 Black Men, and honored for his contributions to health care by his alma mater, Meharry Medical College.

Bob married his Southern University college sweetheart, the late Barbara Ann Frlot Floyd, and they were blessed to celebrate 50 years of marriage and 57 years of loving partnership. He deeply admired her and often said she was the best part of his life.

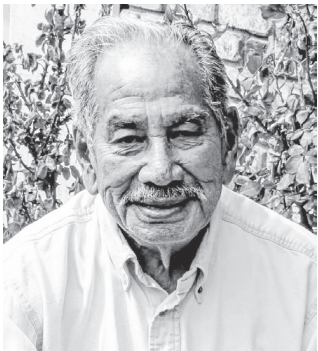
This union brought two daughters, the late Cassandra Floyd, M.D., of San Jose, CA, and Colleen Floyd-Carroll of Philadelphia, PA. He was a proud and loving grandfather to his three grandchildren and leaves them a legacy of accomplishment, great passion for learning and the value of persistence in the face of obstacles.

He bravely fought a long battle with the neurodegenerative disorder, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, and donated his brain to the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease Research and his body to medical education at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. In so doing, he continued his lifelong quest to teach and serve.

Bob is survived by his siblings, Henrietta Payne & Bobby Louis Floyd (Elaine), his daughter, Colleen Floyd-Carroll (Michael), his grandchildren, Iman Floyd-Carroll, Xavier Carroll, and Zora Rose Carroll, and a host of nieces and nephews.

In his memory, a scholarship for African-American medical students committed to supporting women's health and ensuring reproductive rights has been established at Meharry Medical College. Contributions can be made to "The Robert Floyd Jr., M.D., Women's Health Scholarship", c/o Gifts Management Program, Meharry Medical College, 1005 Dr. D.B. Todd, Jr. Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee, 37208 or at <http://www.mmc.edu/about/give-to-meharry>.

A Celebration of Life event will be held Sept 8, 2018 followed by a private burial-at-sea. For information, please contact celebratingbobfloyd@gmail.com



Patrick Vasquez
Mar. 17, 1923 - Aug. 25, 2018
Resident of San Jose

Patrick Vasquez passed away peacefully in his home on August 25, 2018 at the age of 95. Loving husband of the late Bessie Vasquez (2014) and proud father of the late LCpl, Patrick John Vasquez (1967).

Patrick is survived by his daughters Nancy (Richard) Gomez and Rosemarie Martinez of San Jose.

Patrick has six Grandchildren, Diana, Richard (Christina), Johnny, Patrick (Georgina), David and Nicole; eight Great Grandchildren, Patrick John (Patricia), Eddie, Andrew, Johnny Jr, Alyssa, Jay, Arianna and Jalynn; three Great-Great Grandchildren, Nicholas, Lucas and Jacob.

Patrick was born in East L.A. on St. Patrick's Day in 1923, which is why he always claimed to have the "Luck of the Irish."

Patrick served in the Navy during WWII at the battle of Okinawa. After the war, he became a member of the Local 405 Carpenters Union. Patrick's political career took him to leading roles in the Chicano Movement in the 60s writing articles for El Excentrico to leading one of Cesar Chavez' marches in Delano to serving as Community Liaison Representative for the Milpitas Unified School District for Latino students where he focused on bridging the gap between school and home. Patrick was a co-founder of the Mexican American Round Table now known as the La Raza Round Table one of the valley's most politically influential Latino organizations. He served as Chairman of the GI Forum, San Jose Chapter in 1964-66 and as President of MAPA in 1968-69 and was Northern Region Administrator in 1970.

As the last sibling, Patrick has now been reunited with his four brothers and three sisters.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Visitation Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Services are from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Lima Family Erickson, 710 Willow St., San Jose. Private inurnment.


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Dawn Meidinger
June 29, 1936 - August 25, 2018
Los Gatos, CA

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Dawn Dorothy Meidinger after a battle with cancer.

Dawn is survived by her loving husband of 62 years Richard, daughter Diane (Tom), son David (Jeannine), grandchildren Lisa, Brian (Kyla), Steven, and Bob (Kindra), great-grandchildren Cynthia, Itzel, Tommy, Logan, Aaden, Daphne, Hugh, and Ayva.

Dawn was a devoted wife and Mother who taught the values of hard work, loyalty, and love for family & friends.

She was at her happiest when in her kitchen, cooking for family and friends, with all dishes presented perfectly via special serving dish, appropriate garnish and artistic flare. She just loved to entertain in her home. She was the force in organizing family reunions, as keeping all family connected was very important to her.

Traveling was Dawn's other love. 60+ cruises, always with Richard, and at times with their friends, she nearly saw the entire world, and many places twice. Along the way Dawn and Richard developed many friendships, and opened their home to most of them over the years.

For more than 25 years, Dawn sang and acted in many performances at West Valley Light Opera in Saratoga. If she was not on the stage, she was behind the scenes, most notably preparing all the food (of course) for many opening nights.

A Memorial Celebration of Dawn's life is being planned by her family.

In Lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity in Dawn's honor. Her two favorites were Make-a-Wish, and Second Harvest.

Michael D. Rhodes
Nov. 3, 1952 - Aug. 24 2018
San Jose

Michael left us after a long illness. He was an independent spirit, and wise about life. He knew films and film history, as well as jazz. Top favorite jazz artists include Miles Davis, Chris Botti, and Pat Metheny.

Michael was born in Salinas, CA, graduated from San Jose High School. He was renowned for his great speed in track and field. He studied at San Jose State University, was a writer for a local advocacy group. He was the first Director of the San Jose Film Commission. Before retiring, Michael worked 30+ years as Senior Counselor for San Jose Job Corps. Relatives who preceded Michael in death are his parents and his beloved grandparents and aunt. These latter three raised him. Friends who preceded Michael in death are his sailing partner, Jeffrey, of San Jose, and Romel David of Modesto. Michael is survived by his aunt, Mary Lou Harrell, of Houston, TX, two of Romel's sons, who are Michael's godsons, and his close friends, Claudia and Dan Rico, of Pacific Grove. In lieu of flowers, send donations in Michael's name to Mary Lou Harrell, c/o Bay Area Mortuary Services, listed below. Memorial services, with urn present for paying final respects, are set for Wed., Sept. 5, 2018, from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Bay Area Mortuary Services, 1701 Little Orchard St., San Jose, CA 95125. Tele: 408-998-2202. Officiant: Pastor Natalie D. Wallace; Apostle Darryl W. Barber, Overseer, UGW Fellowship Ministries, 7717 Independence St., Houston, TX 77051.



Shirley Varni
Sept. 14, 1937 - August 25, 2018
San Jose, CA

Passed into Heaven in the early morning of August 25, 2018. Born in Fresno, CA, Shirley spent most of her young years in the greater Fresno area. Shirley graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1957. Shirley loved life enjoying bowling in several leagues, boating with her kids and on occasion modeling clothes for local clothing stores.

Shirley is preceded in death by her beloved husband Hal of 34 years. Shirley was devoted to her children Kelly Mathews (Rex), Traci Lancaster, Phil Varni (Brandy). Shirley simply adored her grandchildren, Michael, Nicholas, Matthew, Justine, Kyle, Brett, Travis, and her great-granddaughters Brianna Lancaster, Sophia Mathews and great grandson Brantley Varni.

Shirley and Hal moved to San Jose in 1976 where they resided until moving to Rough and Ready, CA in 1988. While enjoying the country, Shirley became involved with the Rough and Ready Fire Auxiliary supporting this local organization with Hal. A devoted catholic Shirley was active in the Young Ladies Institute (YLI) at Saint Patrick's Parish in Grass Valley. She was an avid gardener growing roses, orchids and gardenias. When not in the garden or volunteering you would find Shirley travelling the world and cruising. Shirley was loved by all that knew her.

Viewing will begin on Friday, September 7 at 3:00 pm followed by a Vigil at 7:00 pm at Oak Hill Funeral Home's Chapel of the Oaks. A Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1200 Redmond Ave., San Jose on Saturday, September 8 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Shirley's name to Suncrest Hospice, 42808 Christy Street, Suite 216, Fremont, CA 94538.



Lois Reed Casteel
May 16, 1927 - August 25, 2018
Resident of Saratoga

The Casteel family has lost our matriarch, our heart and soul, and friend to all. Lois, 91, was born on May 16, 1927 in Coudersport, PA, to Clair Manning Reed and Ruth Kidney Reed. She was the middle of five children, Arnold, Ardath, Lois, Donald, and Roger. Lois rejoins the love of her life and husband of 50 years, William McNeil Casteel, who preceded her in death.

Lois excelled in school, and graduated Salutatorian of her high school class. With a fearless spirit, she boarded a train after high school to Chicago to attend X-Ray technician school with only two suitcases in hand, and a plan to find an apartment when she got there. After completing her training, Lois moved to Pittsburg, where she met Bill, who was attending Univ of Pittsburg. Lois and Bill were married February 7, 1953, in Uniontown, PA.

Lois continued her early career as an X-ray Technician, until she became a mother and turned her attention to raising their five children, Reed Casteel of Saratoga, Neal Casteel (wife Betsy, children Kelly and Kristen) of San Jose, Caroline Viscuso (husband John, children Jeremy, Jenna, Julie and Katie) of Dublin, Mark Casteel (wife Nancy, children Julie and Diana) of Fortuna, and Catherine Casteel (Frank) of Oakland.

The Casteels moved to Saratoga in 1963, where Lois became a homemaker extraordinaire. Taking full advantage of the orchards that surrounded the family home, Lois sent her children out to pick apricots, prunes, and walnuts. From the local bounty, she made jams, canned fruit, and dried apricots every summer. She paneled the family room, painted the house in and out, installed the dishwasher, and helped as assistant mechanic with the family's many cars. Lois sewed the children's clothes and crocheted yo-yo quilts. She enjoyed gardening, especially maintaining her extensive rose garden. Lois loved the outdoors and was the quartermaster for the family's summer backpacking expeditions in the Sierras. Later, she was Bill's support team on his many marathon races until she began her own running career.

Mom, you gave so much and asked for so little in return. Thank you for teaching, listening, helping and forgiving, loving us, and always paving the way. We will strive to reach the standards you set. Farewell sweet mom, you were simply magnificent!

Services for Lois will be held at Darling & Fischer Chapel of the Hills, Los Gatos on Saturday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Lois Casteel can be made to the American Red Cross.

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David Drinker
Nov. 8, 1958 - July 5, 2018

David Drinker, journeyman carpenter, skier, fisherman and musician, died in Twain Harte July 5, 2018. He was born in Chicago, IL, to Dr. Henry Drinker and his wife, Joy Wilson Drinker, on Nov. 8, 1958. The Drinker family with his sister, Kimberly and brother, Russ soon moved to Palo Alto, where Henry joined the Palo Alto Medical Clinic and moved to Saratoga 4 years later where brother John was born. David was an active boy, always in a hurry to explore and have an adventure earning him the nickname "Bull". He was outgoing and gregarious.

He attended local elementary schools and went to Saratoga High where he made lifelong friends. There he picked up a black puppy, Sage, who became a great companion and family pet. After high school David took classes at WVC, enjoyed family time at Lake Tahoe and the mountains swimming, water skiing, backpacking and skiing. David felt at home in and loved the mountains. In 1986 David married Emma Garrod of Saratoga and they lived at the Garrod Ranch. He began his career as a wood-worker and journeyman carpenter and worked on local construction projects. He moved to Tahoe and worked as a member of a construction team building luxury houses. His favorite new project was for the Old Greenwood Golf Resort. He met and married Linda Nicholas in 2005. They lived in Truckee with her daughters Monica and Krista.

Returning to Saratoga in 2010, David reconnected with friends and completed a WVC program in energy management and got a certificate in Solar Technology. Playing his acoustic bass with small groups was fun and satisfying. He was knowledgeable about sports and an enthusiastic Giants and Warriors fan. Wanting to get away from the fast pace of Silicon Valley David moved to Sonora, then Twain Harte, to enjoy the gold country setting. Family and friends remember David's smile, his kindness and humor. He was a good storyteller. Tough passages were a part of David's life, but he was smart and resilient and always had his family and friends who encouraged, loved and supported him.

He will be missed. A family service has been held. David is survived by his mother and father, Joy and Henry Drinker of Saratoga, his sister, Kim Drinker of Carmel, brothers Russ Drinker of Oakland and John Drinker and brother in law Duane of Los Angeles, nieces Eliza Drinker and Catherine Drinker and nephews Devin Pearson and Jack Drinker.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to ARF, which connects rescue dogs and veterans for service dog training at ARF, 2980 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94590 or the Sugar Pine Foundation, which plants Sugar Pine Seedlings to replace trees in the Tahoe Basin. sugarpinein-formation.org or 1458 Mt. Rainier Dr., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.



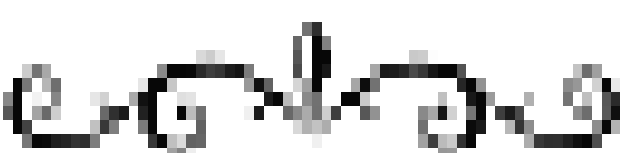
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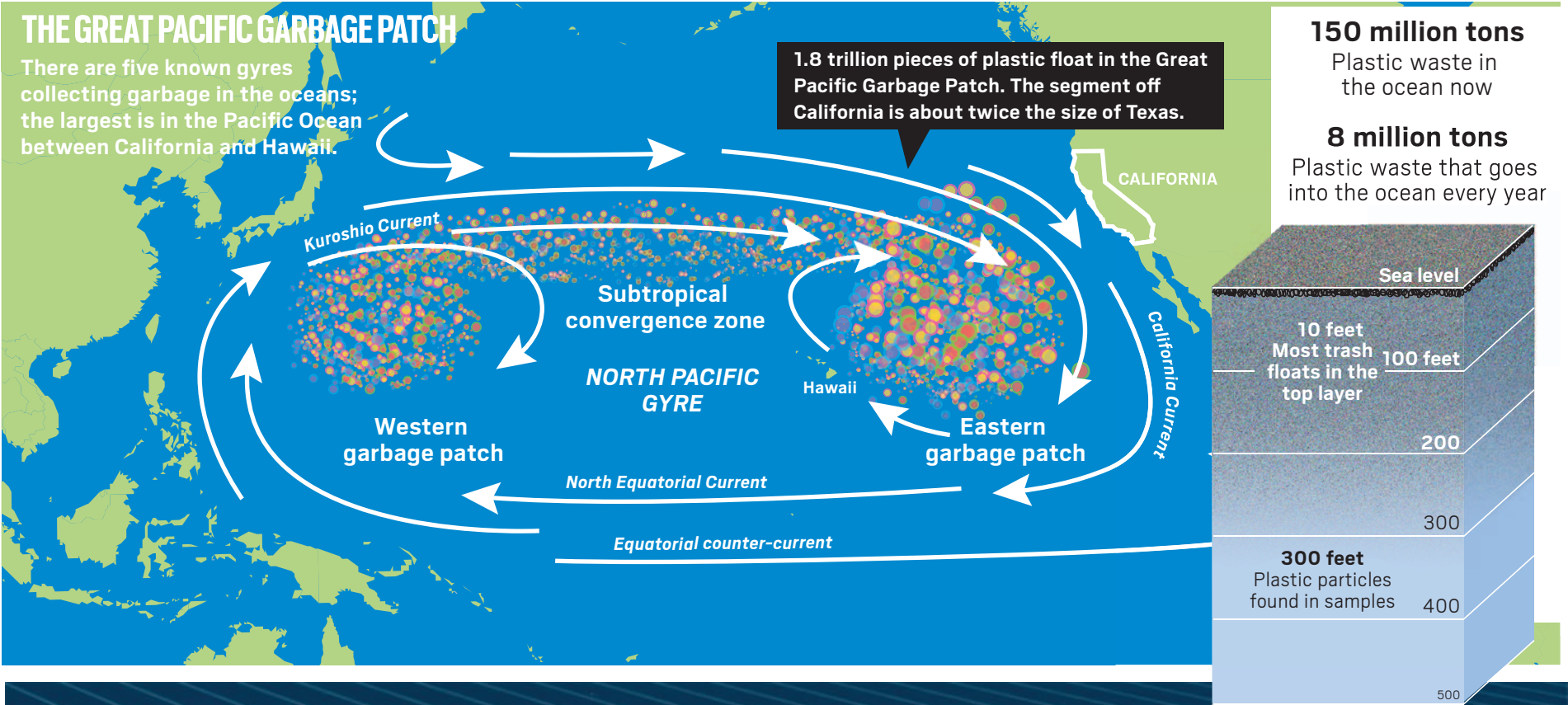
CLEANUP TIME

After 273 scale model tests and six at-sea prototypes, the first ocean cleanup system is expected to launch from San Francisco on Saturday. If successful, it could be one of 60 cleanup systems deployed in the Pacific Ocean.

By KURT SNIBBE | Southern California News Group

The Ocean Cleanup is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ridding the world's oceans of plastic. The organization was founded in 2013 by Dutch inventor Boyan Slat at age 18 and has a team of more than 70 engineers, researchers and scientists. The first cleanup system is being assembled in Alameda.

Source: theoceancleanup.com



SYSTEM 001

The system will attempt to create a floating coastline to trap plastic near the surface in the middle of the ocean. The organization says this is a beta version undergoing continued testing.

Once the plastic is concentrated, it will be collected and removed.

A 1,900-foot floating perimeter with a 9.5-foot skirt will capture plastic. The system has more than 50 sensors that monitor its integrity.

An environmental impact report on the project considered 29 factors, and all but one were determined to have low impacts. The one exception was for medium risk to sea turtles.

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Wind, waves and currents move the system. The floater moves faster than the current because it catches wind and can trap the plastic.

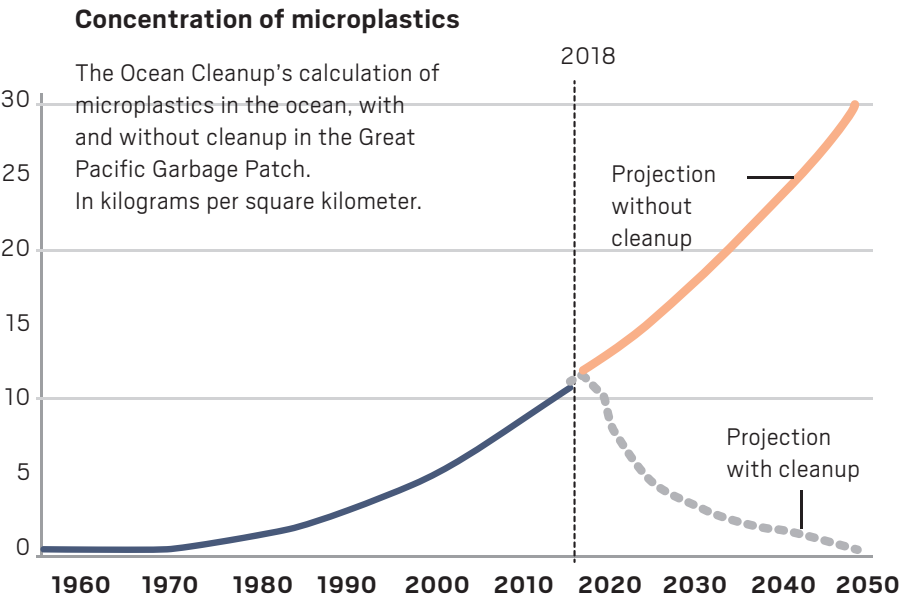
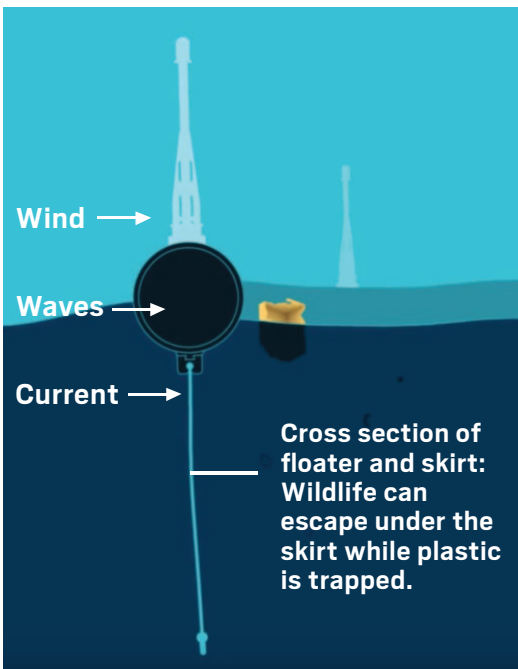
The skirt is deepest in the center of the system, so drag creates a “U” shape to trap plastic.

The system is fitted with solar-powered lights, cameras and satellite antennas to communicate its position.

The plastic collected is expected to be recycled.

This is the first of a potential 60 systems to be gathering trash in the ocean.

The Ocean Cleanup estimates a full fleet of 60 systems could potentially cleanup 50 percent of the garbage patch every five years.



Plastic will outweigh fish in the ocean by 2050

A recent study found that if we continue our current rate of plastic use, the waste will soon outweigh fish.

2014

1:5 Ratio

2050

>1:1 Ratio

Plastic in the food chain

A sampling of ocean fish found one-third had plastic fragments in their digestive tract.

Phytoplankton are mixed up with tiny plastic particles.

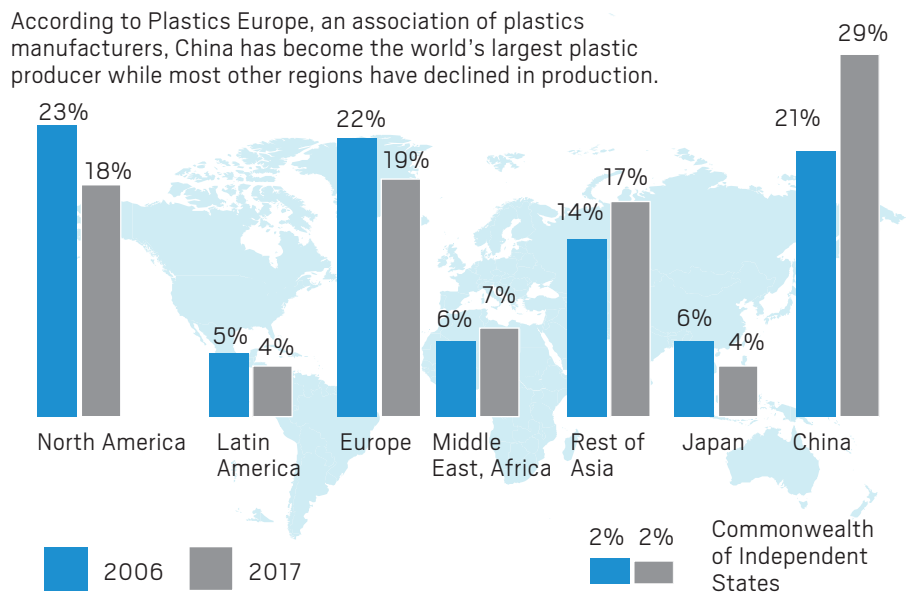
Larger zooplankton eat plastic particles with phytoplankton.

Small fish eat the zooplankton and plastic.

Larger fish eat the small fish.

Large fish are caught and end up on our dinner plates.

Sources: The Ocean Cleanup, Business Insider, NOAA, California Coastal Commission, Ocean Conservancy



ADVICE

Boyfriend ponders timing for breakup

DEAR AMY » My girlfriend and I are both in our early 20s. We are pursuing our educations. She is a great person. We've dated for over two years now.

I was recently offered a job half-way across the country in one of my dream cities.

The company is holding this offer for me until I graduate in two years.

My girlfriend has flip-flopped between wanting to move there with me and not.

I do not want her to come with me if she truly does not want to, because she will resent me, and that is not fair to either of us.

Should I break this off now (before I leave) to ease the pain and explore my options, or should I prolong breaking up until I leave? Am I chasing a love that isn't really love?

— Confused College Kid

DEAR CONFUSED » You seem to be asking about the proper timing for you to break up with your girlfriend. If you don't want to be with her, then break up with her. There is no "good" time to do that, although sooner is better than later.

The college years represent periods of massive transition — away from home, into serious relationships, into a first job and out into the world. You have two years to figure this out. Take it.

You should not preemptively make your girlfriend's choices by deciding to break up with her. The choice should be hers



Ask Amy
Amy Dickinson

— and hers alone.

DEAR AMY » I received a save-the-date card for a nephew's wedding. My nephew lives 3,000 miles away, and I have never had a relationship with him.

I tried to have a relationship early on, but he was always obnoxious to me and I gave up, so he's pretty much a stranger to me.

My relationship with his mother (my sister) is strained.

I really don't want to go, and to be honest, I don't want to send a present to someone who has never been nice to me. I have never met his fiancée.

What is the polite way of dealing with this?

— Reluctant Aunt

DEAR RELUCTANT » You don't disclose the timing of your unpleasant encounters with your nephew, but if you essentially gave up on him when he was an obnoxious 8-year-old, then you just haven't tried hard enough.

If you don't intend to attend this wedding, you should send a polite response now: "I'm very happy to see that you are planning to get married. Thank you for sending the save-the-date. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend. I hope you have a wonderful wedding day, and I wish you both all the very best. Love, Auntie."

Contact Amy Dickinson via email at askamy@amydickinson.com.

Aces on Bridge

DEAR MR. WOLFF: Holding SPADES K-J-8-2, HEARTS 7-6-3-2, DIAMONDS J-9-2, CLUBS A-9, I heard my partner open one club. I responded one heart, and my partner bid two no-trump. What is the best way to explore for a major-suit fit by showing my spades without promising five hearts?

— Giving Me Fits

ANSWER: There are many ways, varying from simple to complex. The simplest is to play that all bids force to game, and either three clubs or the other minor as looking for three-card support or the other major. Some play transfers here, in which case you can transfer to hearts, then bid spades to show 5-4. You can transfer directly to spades to show 4-4.

DEAR MR. WOLFF: I've been having problems with Blackwood when we have a minor suit as trump. What are your thoughts on using the Minorwood convention, where four of a known minor agrees that suit and asks for aces?

— Anna in the Ark

ANSWER: I can't say I'm a huge fan (I vote for simple over complex), but I can say this: If you have set a minor as trump, I think it is much better to use one over the trump suit as ace-asking — Redwood, not Minorwood. This allows you to choose between temporizing with the trump suit and taking control with Key-card, whereas Minorwood forces you to take a positive action as opposed to making a neutral call.

DEAR MR. WOLFF: I play rubber bridge with my friends and am sometimes

surprised to see you recommend treatments relating to duplicate — pre-emptive raises and so forth. Given that we are playing for real money, would you suggest we learn this approach too? I'm not afraid to use these bids, but I'm not sure they will pay off in the long run.

— Easy Street

ANSWER: Speaking as someone who has taken his fair share of sacrifices at rubber bridge, yes, I would say that bidding as high as you can with a fit is a good idea. While sacrificing at rubber is not as much fun as at pairs, bidding to the maximum with a fit does not always result in minus scores.

DEAR MR. WOLFF: Please comment on the quality of a suit required for a direct overcall at the one-level, and contrast that with what is required for a two-level overcall.

— Mumblety-Peg

ANSWER: With a good and a five-card suit, you should not be constrained in acting at the one-level just because your five-card suit is weak. Of course, on some hands that include a weak suit, you might prefer to double when you are relatively short in the opponents' suit. With a two-level overcall, you guarantee a good suit. If you have only five, you must have extra values or extra side-suit shape. A minimum opening bid with an average five-card suit emphatically does not qualify for this action.

Contact Bobby Wolff at bobbywolff@mindspring.com

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The New York Times Crossword

TO THE POINT / By Olivia Mitra Framke / Edited by Will Shortz

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lightheaded
6 Underwater workplaces
13 One of four on the annual tennis calendar
18 Navel formation?
19 Not renewed
21 1836 siege setting
22 First name on the high bench
23 Follower of deuce
24 Wordsmith Peter Mark ____
25 Lot of back and forth?
27 Alternative to grass
29 Place for a prize ceremony
30 Nellie who wrote "Ten Days in a Mad-House"
31 Point of no return?
34 Certain corp. takeover
35 It's meant to be
36 NBC hit since '75
37 Ingredient in a Dark 'n' Stormy
38 Muslim holy men
40 Designer inits.
42 "Awesome!"
43 Lead-in to line
44 Rod who was the 1977 AL MVP
45 "Bridesmaids" co-star
47 Food with an unfortunate-sounding last two syllables
50 Really fancy
51 Dreams up
55 Sophocles tragedy
56 Get further
57 Vegetable or pasta, e.g.
58 Drip, drip, drip
59 Annual sporting event that is this puzzle's theme
62 Outside: prefix
63 Really green
64 Stingy sort?
65 Many a presidential hopeful: abbr.
66 Treasure-map markers
68 Ostracize
69 Lead-in to boy or girl
70 Standard info on stationery nowadays
72 U. of Md. player
73 Spot
74 Conjunction in the Postal Service creed
76 The Eagles, on scoreboards
78 Pérignon, for one
79 "Nature is the ____ of God": Dante

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89 Things found in clogs
90 Bourbon Street's locale, informally
92 Frenzy
94 Stadium name near Citi Field
96 Spectators' area
98 "Harlequin's Carnival" painter
99 Belgian painter in the movement Les XX
100 Flowchart symbol
101 Saskatchewan native
102 It represents you
104 Old-timey
106 First and last black key on a standard piano
108 Gas type: abbr.
109 Location of 59-Across
114 Fly-by-night?
115 Canapé topper

- 116 Computer command
117 Time to vote: abbr.
118 Italian car, informally
119 Lead-in to "Man," "Woman" or "Fool" in Top 40 hits
120 Further
121 Part of USTA: abbr.
122 City grid: abbr.
123 Enthusiasm
124 Lion or tiger

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- 1 Employs
2 Not for keeps
3 Low soccer score
4 Wittily insults
5 Number on a trophy
6 "Alas ..."
7 One of a well-known septet
8 Inits. in 2010 news
9 Broadway's Cariou
10 Computer key
11 Utterly uninspiring
12 Oscar-nominated George of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"
13 Designer Jacobs
14 Emotionally detached

- 15 Jungle predator
16 Code you don't want to break
17 Returned to earth?
19 "I can't talk now"
20 Louisville standout
26 Candidate for rehab
28 Square dance maneuver
31 Oscar-winning film of 1984
32 Revel
33 College in Boston
37 Whole host
38 "Why should ____?"
39 Win every game
41 Security agreement
43 One way to answer a server?
46 Winning words
47 Guy
48 Dweller along the Bering Sea
49 The "L" of LCD
52 Genius Bar employees
53 Relish
54 Rugged, as a landscape
60 Impotent
61 Paradigm
64 Submerge
67 Cybertrash

- 71 Force (into)
72 When the diet starts, perhaps
75 Locale for Charlie Chan
77 Dating-profile section
78 Denims
80 Purchases at tire shops
81 Do well with
82 Fit to be tied
86 How the Quran is written
87 Film-related anagram of AMERICAN
88 City in Iraq's Sunni Triangle
89 Clear the air?
91 "I'll take that as ____"
93 Proficient in
95 Much TV fare during the wee hours
97 Towers over
103 Blue hue
105 Metal fastener
107 Three-person card game
110 Vox VIPs
111 Forever and a day
112 Red Sox Hall of Famer, to fans
113 "Bravo!"

Horoscope

Happy Birthday (Sept. 2): You may feel like being a spectator instead of a participant, but to advance requires you to be aggressive and give your all. Don't let experiences weigh you down or make you reluctant to move forward with your dreams. Building momentum will be your direct link to the success you want and deserve. Your numbers are 2, 9, 21, 24, 33, 41, 47.

Birthday Baby: You are complex, emotional and productive. You are kind and sympathetic.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Reorganize your thoughts and put your finances in order. Taking care of debts, responsibilities and important relationships will put your mind at ease and encourage you to move forward with projects you could only dream about in the past. ★★★★★

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Bring about the changes that will benefit you the most. Don't feel you have to take on someone else's battles. ★★ ★

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You'll find it difficult to manage your emotions. Problems will develop if you or someone else is not being upfront. ★★ ★

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Standing up for your rights will provoke disagreements, but it will also help you better understand both sides of whatever issue concerns you as well as encourage workable solutions. ★★ ★ ★

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): A change of pace will do you good. Taking time to relax and rethink your next move will help you avoid an emotional confrontation ★★

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do things your way. Make a point of being unique and trusting that you can pull off whatever needs to be done. Your tenacity and confidence will make others stand up and take note. ★★

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoiding someone who is demanding or critical won't put an end to the harassment. Address whoever makes you feel uncomfortable or stressed out by sharing what it does to your relationship. Take control instead of running away. ★★ ★ ★ ★

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You need a diversion or a change of plans that will invigorate and inspire you. Step up and make choices that will bring love and happiness into your life. ★★ ★

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Share your true feelings and find out where you stand. If someone is reluctant to share, you should question why and consider the motives behind the secrecy. ★★ ★

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Personal improvements, inner growth, travel and getting in touch with your feelings are all encouraged. The changes you make as a result of your findings will make a difference. ★★ ★

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Entertain at home or make changes to your space if it will encourage you to be more creative or help you cut your overhead. ★★ ★ ★ ★

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep an open mind, but don't let anyone take advantage of you emotionally. Showing compassion is one thing, but taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you should not be considered. ★★

PROBLEM SOLVED

Help! Mice ate my rugs in a CubeSmart storage facility

Q I recently stored some household items in a climate-controlled CubeSmart storage facility. Based on the recommendation of local staff, I purchased an insurance policy to protect my possessions.

When I retrieved my items, I discovered that six handmade Egyptian kilim rugs were destroyed, and a leather sofa and chair were severely damaged. The loss totaled over \$20,000.

I immediately reported the damage to the site manager, who was sympathetic and apologetic, and took photos. I also took pictures. I quickly filed a claim with the insurance company. The insurance company denied the claim because my policy doesn't cover damage by vermin, insects or rodents. I found it remarkable that a policy recommended by the storage facility would not cover such a loss.

In the meantime, I got an estimate of \$2,200 from a leather repair "magician" to restore the leather sofa and chair. As that was less than the cost of a comparable new set, I went ahead with the repair.

I wrote to the manager at the local CubeSmart facility requesting that CubeSmart cover that cost. I did not ask for any payment for the destroyed rugs. I felt this was a fair and modest request.

The local manager forwarded my email to a more senior manager, who would "check with the Risk Management department" and get back to me. I received no reply. I wrote again. Again, no response.

During this period, I was in regular touch with the on-site facility manager. He was at all times courteous, helpful and apologetic about the absence of any response from the higher-ups. He sent his emails to management asking about the status of my request.

Finally, I received word of



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the "corporate" decision. There was not anything CubeSmart could do. I would like reimbursement for the cost of the repairs to my furniture. Can you help?

— Alex Packer, Sperryville, Virginia

A CubeSmart shouldn't have allowed mice, or any other kind of nibbling pest, to invade the storage facility. And if it did, then the company should have taken responsibility for the damage — especially if you bought its insurance policy.

I can't believe the insurance didn't cover mice. I would think that's the first thing the insurance would address. Your policy, from a company called Great American Insurance Group, came with several interesting exclusions beyond "insects, vermin or rodents." It also didn't cover certain weather conditions, wear and tear, or "any quality in the property that causes it to damage or destroy itself."

You were correct to lower your damage claim. CubeSmart's rules and regulations specify that you can't store items with an aggregate value of more than \$5,000 unless the owner has expressly consented in writing to a higher value. The rules also highly recommend insurance, which, of course, doesn't cover ravenous rodents. I contacted CubeSmart on your behalf. The company reviewed your case and agreed to cover the damage to your leather sofa. It also asked you to sign a nondisclosure statement, presumably to prevent this story from being published. I should note that you signed the document after telling me your story.

You can get real-time answers to any consumer question on elliott.org/forum, or by emailing him at chris@elliott.org.

AROUND THE REMOTE

‘Mayans M.C.’, a ‘Sons of Anarchy’ spinoff, debuts

DON'T MISS "MAYANS M.C." » Are you missing "Sons of Anarchy"? This new spinoff from creator Kurt Sutter just might get your motor runnin'. Set in a post-Jax Teller world, the series follows Ezekiel "EZ" Reyes (JD Pardo), who is fresh out of prison and trying to rebuild his life when he finds himself lured into the criminal activities of a Latino biker club operating on the California-Mexico border. The cast also includes Clayton Cardenas, Edward James Olmos, Sarah Bolger, Michael Irby and Danny Pino. (10 p.m. Tuesday, FX).



Chuck Barney
Around the remote

Other bets

SUNDAY » When "Married to Medicine" returns for its sixth season, Dr. Jackie and Dr. Simone have both patched things up with their husbands. Apparently, they possess the power to heal relationships as well as their patients. (8 p.m., Bravo).

MONDAY » The highly acclaimed documentary "RBG" makes its television premiere. It explores the incredible life and legal legacy of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who, in recent years, has been celebrated as a pop-culture icon. (6 and 9 p.m., CNN).

MONDAY » "Better Call Saul" is putting together another extraordinary season. In this episode, Jimmy identifies a new market for his talents. Elsewhere, Mike vets a potential partnership and Kim drives a hard bargain. (9 p.m., AMC).

TUESDAY » Based on the big-screen horror franchise, "The Purge" is a new drama series set in a near-future dystopia where all crime — including murder — is legal for one night a year. Not surprisingly, a lot of bad things happen. (10 p.m., USA and Syfy).

WEDNESDAY » Still packed with laughs, "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" returns for its 13th season. In the opener, Mac deals with Dennis' absence by introducing the gang to a life-



PRASHANT GUPTA — FX

"Mayans M.C.," premiering Tuesday, stars JD Pardo as Ezekiel "EZ" Reyes, an ex-con trying to rebuild his life.

size sex doll that looks exactly like his missing pal. (10 p.m., FXX).

THURSDAY » Just in time to tackle the midterm elections, comedian Sarah Silverman returns for Season 2 of "I Love You, America." Featuring humorous monologues, studio bits and field segments, the topical show attempts to mend fences by con-

necting "unlike-minded people." (Hulu).

THURSDAY » It's "Sunday Night Football" on Thursday. The NFL season kicks off for real as the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles host the Atlanta Falcons at Lincoln Financial Field. Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth call the action. (5:30 p.m., NBC).

FRIDAY » Expect even more martial-arts beat downs when "Marvel's Iron Fist" returns for a 10-episode second season. Billionaire Danny Rand (Finn Jones) apparently still has plenty of bad guys to deal with in New York City. (Netflix).

FRIDAY » Celebrities once again come together for the star-studded "Stand Up to Cancer" special. The fundraising event, co-executive produced by Bradley Cooper, will be simultaneously televised on every broadcast network, along with HBO, Bravo, Discovery and more. (8 p.m.).

SATURDAY » "The Greatest Showman," a 2017 musical about the life of P.T. Barnum, follows its subject as he finds fame and fortune by starting a circus in 1870s America. Hugh Jackman leads a cast that includes Zac Efron and Zendaya. (8 p.m., HBO).

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TV today

9/2	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2 FOX	Bob's Burgers 'TVPG'	The Simpsons 'TVPG'	The Simpsons 'TV14'	Bob's Burgers 'TVPG'	Family Guy 'TV14'	Family Guy 'TV14'	The Ten O'Clock News Weekend (N)		News (N)	Sports Wrap	
4 IND	Ent. Tonight 'TVPG'		KRON 4 News at 8pm (N) 'TVG'		Sports Night Live 'TVG'		KRON 4 News at 10 (N) 'TVG'		Paid	Paid	
5 CBS	60 Minutes 'TVPG'		Big Brother (N) 'TV14'		NCIS: Los Angeles "Under Pressure" 'TV14'		NCIS: Los Angeles "Mountebank" 'TV14'		KPIX 5 News (N)	(.35) Game Day	
7 ABC	(4:35) Football Mia./LSU	(.50) Football Studio	The Goldbergs 'TVPG'	To Be Announced			20/20 'TVPG'		ABC7 News at 11PM (N)		
8 NBC	Dateline NBC Investigative features are covered. 'TV14'				America's Got Talent "Live Quarter Finals 3" 'TV14'				News (N)	(.35) Matter	
9 PBS	Pollyanna 'TVPG'				Masterpiece Classic "To Walk Invisible: The Bronte Sisters" 'TVPG'				MN Original 'TVG'	Film School Shorts	
11 NBC	Dateline NBC 'TV14'				America's Got Talent "Live Quarter Finals 3" 'TV14'				NBC Bay Area News at 11 p.m. (N) 'TVG'		
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20 IND	Out in Oakland	Raise/Rainbow	American Ninja Warrior 'TVPG'		Just for Laughs	Just for Laughs	Dance Party 'TVG'		Marketplace	Marketplace	
26 IND	Chabad Telethon A reminder of the power of good deeds. 'TVG'									News	Talk
28 IND	Board Educ Meeting				To Be Announced						
32 IND	Classic Arts		To Be Announced 'TV14'				Africa		Blessing	World Channel	
35 FOX	BobBurg	Simps.	Simps.	BobBurg	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Ten News (N)		Outdoor	Wrap	
36 IND	Person of Interest		Modern Modern		BigBang BigBang		TMZ		RawTrv.	News (N)	
42 IND	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	
44 CW	CSI: Miami "Dissolved" 'TV14'		Supernatural 'TV14'		The Originals 'TVPG'		News (N)	Michelle Meow 'TV14'	Rizzoli & Isles 'TV14'		
46 CBS	60 Minutes 'TVPG'		Big Brother (N) 'TV14'		NCIS: Los Angeles 'TV14'		NCIS: Los Angeles 'TV14'		News (N)	CSI: Miami	
48 TELE	Exatión: Estados Unidos (N)				Falco (N)		Don Francisco (N)		Noticier	Titular.	
54 PBS	(6:00) Dionne	Nature "Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants" 'TVG'			Remote Control Retirement: Earth-Riches 'TVPG'		Retirement: Earth-quake!		Front and Center 'TVPG'		
KCSM	Camilla Läckberg		Missing			Camilla Läckberg		Camilla Läckberg		Missing	
65 ION	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles			Private Eyes		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles	
66 TELE	Wild Card ('15, Act) Jason Statham.				Dragon Blade ('15, Act) Jackie Chan.				Caballero a la ...		
CABLE	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
A&E	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Aliens and Doomsday" 'TVPG'								
AMC	F.Dead	(.55) Fear the Dead 'TV14'	Fear the Dead (N)		(.05) Talking (N)	(.05) Fear the Dead			(.05) Fear the Dead		
ANIM	North Woods Law		North Woods (N)		Woods Law (N)		I Was Prey (N)		North Woods Law		
BBC	(6:30) The Bourne Ultimatum 'TV14'				** Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines 'TVMA'				Movie		
BET	Movie	** Friday After Next '02, Com) Ice Cube. 'TV14'				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin		
BRAVO	6: Medic. Medic.	MarriedMed (N)		Married Medicine		Real Housewives		Watch	Medic.		
CMT	(6:00) ** Hitch '05, Com) 'TV14'				** Hitch '05, Com) Eva Mendes, Will Smith. 'TV14'						
CNBC	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Paid	Paid	
CNN	A. Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		A. Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		
COM	Movie	(.35) ** Step Brothers '08, Com) 'TVMA'	** Grown Ups '10, Com) 'TVPG'								
CSNBA	WPT Poker		WPT Poker		Rocket League		Legends		GiantRaw	GiantRaw	
CSNC	Soccer SJ/Van 'TVG'				WCC/Ac. Phenom		Cal Hi Sports		A's Post	A's Post	
CSPAN	(6:30) Pub.Affairs		Q & A		Question Public Affairs Programming 'TVG'						
DISC	Bush People		Alaskan Bush (N)		Bush People (N)		Bush People (N)		Bush People (N)		
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E!	(6:30) * Fifty Shades of Grey 'TVMA'				* Fifty Shades of Grey ('15, Dra) 'TVMA'						
ESPN	5: Baseball	SportsCenter (-1) 'TVG'				SportsCenter 'TVG'				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	(4:00) ITF Tennis		F1 Auto Racing Italian Grand Prix 'TVG'				Baseball L.A./Hou. 'TVG'				
FREE	(55) Finding Dory '16, Ani) 'TVPG'				*** Frozen '13, Fam) Kristen Bell. 'TVG'				Movie		
FNC	Liberty & Levin		OBJECTified		Next Revolution		Liberty & Levin		Fox News Sunday		
FOOD	Guy's Game		Guy's Game		WorstCooks (N)		BeatPlay		BeatPlay	BeatPlay	
FX	(6:00) Neighbors		Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising 'TVMA'				Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising 'TVMA'				
GOLF	PGA Golf Dell Technologies Championship Round 3 Site: TPC Boston -- Norton, Mass. 'TVG'										
HALL	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Ches.Shores (N)		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		
HBO	6: American Made		(05) *** The Mummy '99, Adv) 'TV14'				Ballers	Insecure	Ballers	Insecure	
HGTV	Life	Life	Bargain	Bargain	Life (N)	Life (N)	IsIndLif	IsIndLif	H.Hunt	House	
HIST	American Pickers American Pickers: Bonus Buys "Small Shop Picking" (N) 'TVPG'										
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LIFE	6: Killer Night S...		He's Watching '18, Dra) Linsey Godfrey. (.05) The Other Mother '17, Dra) 'TV14'								
MAX	(6:05) Entrapment		Going in Style 'TVPG'				(.40) ** 50 First Dates 'TV14'	.20 The Girl Nex...			
MSNBC	Story of Cool		Breaking Hate		Lockup		Lockup		Dateline "Frantic"		
MTV	Ridicu.	Ridicu.	Ridicu.	Ridicu.	Ridicu.	Ridicu.	Ridicu.	Ridicu.	Ridicu.	Ridicu.	
NICK	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
OWN	Dr. Phil		Dr. Phil		Dr. Phil		Dr. Phil		Dr. Phil		
OXY	(6:00) Snapped (N)		Snapped 'TVPG'				Cold Justice		Dying to Belong		
SHOW	Shameless		Shameless		Baby Driver '17, Act) 'TV14'		America? Movie				
PRMT	5: Indiana Jone...		**** Raiders of the Lost Ark '81, Adv) 'TV14'				Indiana Jones & ...				
STARZ	Remorse	Remorse	Power (N)		Power		America to Me (N)		Remorse	Remorse	
STZ ENC	(05) *** Rat Race '01, Com) 'TV14'				Dumb and Dumber 'TV14'		(50) A Knight's Tale 'TV14'				
SYFY	*** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire '05, Adv) 'TV14'										
TBS	** Tomorrowland '15, Adv) 'TVPG'					** Tomorrowland '15, Adv) 'TVPG'					
TCM	** What's Up, Doc? '72, Com) 'TVPG'		West Point '27, Com/Dra) 'TVPG'								
TLC	90 Day Francé (N) 'TV14'		90 Day Francé (N) 'TV14'		(05) Unxpect (N)		(10) 90 Day Francé				
TMC	6:20 Get the Grin...		*** Lord of War '05, Act) 'TVMA'				(05) *** Windtalkers '02, War) 'TVMA'				
TNT	5: The Divergent...		** Divergent '14, Act) Kate Winslet, Shailene Woodley. 'TV14'								
TOON	Gumball	Gumball	Cleavela.	Cleavela.	BobBurg.	Am.Dad	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	RickMort	Robot	
TRAV	HauntedHouse		HauntedHouse		HauntedHouse		HauntedHouse		HauntedHouse		
TRUTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	:10 Jokers	:45 Jokers	(.20) Imp. Jokers	:55 Jokers	Jokers		
TVLAND	Reba	Reba	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	2½Men	2½Men	Queens	Queens	
USA	Law&Order: SVU		Law&Order: SVU		Law&Order: SVU		Law&Order: SVU		Queen South		
VH1	Bball Wives LA		Bball Wives LA		Bball Wives LA		Bball Wives LA (N)		Bball Wives LA		

Jumble

Unscramble these six Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

Then he turned into a human! I'm not kidding! He was wearing a tuxedo and started biting this woman on the neck!

THE BAT WAS TELLING AN INTERESTING STORY, AND THE OTHER BATS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WONDERWORD

by DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions — vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell the Wonderword.

CLUES

Aegean

Amazon

Amundsen

Andaman

Arabian

Arctic

Atlantic

Baltic

Banda

Barents

Basin

Bays

Beaufort

Bering

Black

Bohol

Burgas

Caribbean

Caspian

Cejar

Celebes

Celtic

Chile

Chilika

Chukchi

Coral

Cove

Cyclic

Delaware

Eyre

Fish

Flores

Gaet'ale

Gulf of Mexico

Hillier

Hudson

Indian

Ionian

Java

Kara

Koro

Lake

Laptey

Ligurian

Mackay

Maharloo

Marmara

Mediterranean

Natron

Nile

North Sea

Norwegian

Ocean

Pacific

Pechora

Persian

Queen

Red Sea

Retba

Ross

Salton

Sargasso

Sawa

Seas

Sites

Southern

Sulu

Tasman

Timor

Torrens

Urmia

Vanda

Weddell

White

Yellow

Zone

ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: JONAGOLD

'SEA' THE WORLD

SOLUTION: 14 LETTERS

Q	N	H	M	A	C	K	A	Y	R	O	M	I	T	N	I	S	A	B	A
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